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*Lord make me an
instrument of peace...*



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Donovan Richmeier

785-623-0417

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS PRESIDENT

Jane Younger

785-259-3374

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, June 22, 2025 ~ The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ ~ Corpus Christi

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Sun. June 22 | 8:00 am | +Kenny Pfannenstiel |
| Wed. June 25 | 7:30 am | +Larry Koirth |
| Sun. June 29 | 8:00 am | L/D Benjamin & Diana Dome family |
| Wed. July 2 | 7:30 am | +Ruth Zimmerman |

SERVERS

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| Sun June 22 | Hayley Gerstner & Reylyn Leiker |
| Sun June 29 | Alec Gerstner & Trenton Staley |

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

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| Sun June 22 | Lilly B, Amy P, Josh W, Tina W. |
| Sun June 29 | Nathan L, Lauren M, Ken R, Tony S. |

LECTORS

OFFERTORY GIFTS

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| Sun June 22 | Nathan Leiker | Brandon & Brandi Z. |
| Sun June 29 | John Moeder | K of C Members |

GREETERS

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| Sun June 22 | Wilbert Gross |
| Sun June 29 | K of C Members |

COLLECTION TEAM

Sunday, June 22

Jason Carter, Blake Leiker, Mark Leiker, Tony Staley

Sunday, June 29

David Leiker, Nathan Leiker, Jeff Richmeier, Tony Rohr

Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure

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| Envelopes | \$1,836.00 |
| Loose | \$114.00 |
| Total | \$1,950.00 |



FROM THE DESK OF CODY MARINTZER

The importance of the Loaves and Fish

One thing we must never do is to dumb down the miracles of Christ. Some of the catechesis surrounding this miracle in the past several decades has been one of turning Jesus' miracle into a lesson on sharing and this is a horrible tragedy to what truly transpired.

The miracle of the multiplication of loaves and fish is a miracle pointing us toward the Eucharist itself, which is as the catechism teaches us, "The source and summit of the Christian life" (ccc 1324). No serious theologian and no Church father have ever considered the miracle of loaves and fish to be anything less than a true miracle.

So, why is it so important? Some of the Jewish people saw the Messiah as the new Moses. They believed that when the Messiah came, he would bring back the miracle of the manna from the Exodus (miraculous bread rained down from heaven). Jesus isn't just feeding hungry people then, but is showing them, He is the Messiah. He is getting them ready for what comes next.

If we go to the parallel story in the Gospel of John of today's reading, this miracle happens right before Jesus' teaching on His true presence in the Eucharist. Jesus is taking these crowds from where they are in their understanding of Him and leading them to the truth that he is "the bread of life" (John 6:35).

As we celebrate The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, let us remember that Jesus isn't just a nice guy or a good preacher who teaches people to share. He also isn't just the Messiah, but is truly the incarnate Son of God, who takes away the sins of the world. The Eucharist then, is not just a symbol, but is truly the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of our Lord, in which He shows His love to us.

Today and every day, thank God for the gift of the Eucharist, for the Catholic Church and for His priests who bring Christ truly present in the Eucharist to us. If we are ever in a state of doubt or difficulty, let us boldly proclaim with Peter "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

"There is nothing greater than the Eucharist. If God had something more precious, he would have given it to us."
— St. John Vianney

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**Next week we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection** to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including the charitable works of Pope Leo. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous.

**Are you traveling this summer** — on vacation, spending time at sporting events out of town, enjoying trips to the lake? You can always find a Mass time and location near you. Call or visit.... 1-800-Mass-Times (1-800-MASS-TIMES) or <https://catholicmasstime.org/>

**REMINDER: Price Increase.** As per the Parish Council, St. Francis of Assisi Cemetery Plots will be increasing from \$75.00 to \$100.00 for Parishioners and from \$200.00 to \$500.00 for Non-Parishioners effective July 1, 2025. Please contact Lilly for more information.

**Veneration of The Saint Pio Relic.** On Sunday, June 29, Fr. Curtis will make the relic of Saint Padre Pio available for your veneration after the 10 a.m. Mass at the Basilica of Saint Fidelis. You may create a Third Class relic by touching a rosary, medal, prayer card, or piece of cloth to the reliquary at that time. For a donation, there will also be religious items available related to Saint Pio.

**Perpetual Adoration Chapel openings:**

Wednesday @ 3pm OPEN

Thursday, @ 3am OPEN

Saturday @ 1pm (Needs second adoror)

Contact Geri Rupp 785-639-5588

**Family Perspective ...Bud Ozar**

In today's gospel Jesus teaches we will find abundance by sharing the little we have. No matter how little time, money or food we have, it is enough to share.

**Bible Reflection ~ Stewardship Goal**

*"They all ate and were satisfied. And when the leftover fragments were picked up, they filled twelve wicker baskets." (LUKE 9:17)*

The story of the Loaves and Fishes shows us that when you share what you have, even if it doesn't seem like that much, miracles can happen! Do not think that your gift is too small or insignificant! Each of us has a role in God's plan; you just need to place your trust in the Lord. Nothing is impossible with God. You just may be the answer to someone else's prayer.

**Seminarian Fundraising Dinners - Join us July 31<sup>st</sup> at the Rose Garden Banquet Hall in Hays** for an evening of faith, fellowship, and support for our future priests! Come enjoy a delicious meal, inspiring program, and the opportunity to meet and visit with the seminarians who are answering God's call to the priesthood in the Diocese of Salina. To RSVP by July 16<sup>th</sup> or to make a gift to support the seminarians, visit [bit.ly/semsofsalina](http://bit.ly/semsofsalina)



**EVENTS IN THE HEARTLAND**



**Corpus Christi Procession**

**When:** Sunday, June 22, at 3pm

**Where:** The procession will begin and end at the TMP-Marian grotto.

**What to expect:** We will begin with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. From there, we will process to Hall Street, from Hall Street to 27<sup>th</sup> Street, and then back to TMP. Altars will be set up along the way for prayer and adoration. Devotions will be prayed during the procession, and periods of silent procession will be observed for private prayer and devotion as well!

**Other information:** It may possibly be hot that day, so please be sure to dress appropriately, bringing sunscreen, fans, or other items as needed. Water bottles are encouraged, although bottles of water will also be offered to people along the way.

**EVERYONE IS INVITED.**

**What is Stay Strong, Stay Healthy?** It is an evidence-based strength training program designed for older adults. The eight-week program includes 16 exercise classes that meet twice weekly for one hour. First Class: June 30, at 9:30am. Schedule: Mondays and Wednesdays at 601 Main St., Hays, KS. Duration: 8 weeks/16 sessions. Cost is \$20.00. To register or for more information contact: Karissa Frasier, Community Health Worker at 785-628-9430 or email [krfrazier@ksu.edu](mailto:krfrazier@ksu.edu).

**Five First Saturdays Devotion - July 5th** Please join us at IHM Parish each First Saturday of the month for the following: • Rosary – 7:30 AM • Act of Reparation – 7:55 AM • Mass – 8:00 AM • Guided 15-minute meditation on the Mysteries of the Rosary immediately after Mass. • Coffee and donuts following the guided meditation.

**Registration is now open for the Tour die Kapellen.** This is an Ellis County tour of the limestone churches, with local snacks and music at every church (by bike or Deluxe Village Tours Bus). The tour is followed by a German Meal prepared by the Catharine community. A limited number of seats are still available. On the bus, local guide, Jerry Braun, will provide a Volga-German history of each of these beautiful churches. At the end of the tour, participants are treated to a German meal, beverages and a polka band (The Hot Shots) in Municipal Park. This tour is July 12. It is a benefit for the area's limestone churches and the Hays Symphony. The cost of the bus tour is \$75 per person until June 20; the price increases to \$85 after June 20. By Bike, the fee is \$50 (late fee \$60). For more information and quick registration, visit <https://tourdiekapellen.com/>.

**Mexican Martyr Relics  
Coming to Immaculate Heart of Mary Church**

In the 1920's, the government of Mexico implemented harsh consequences to articles in the Mexican constitution. These articles particularly targeted the Catholic Church, limiting the Church's power in Mexico, and even made public practice of the Catholic faith illegal. A rebellion started as a result, now known as the Cristero War. Many lost their lives during this time, some who were executed simply for practicing the faith, including a number of priests who refused to stop celebrating Mass and offering the Sacraments, even in the face of death.

The witness of these martyrs shows the importance of staying firm in the faith throughout all trials and persecutions. They fought for religious freedom, and constant right to worship Jesus Christ. Even though the persecutions in Mexico by the government ended in the late 1920's, the importance of defending religious freedom remains an issue in Mexico, in the United States, and throughout the world.

On Thursday, June 26, relics of 6 martyrs from the Cristero War will be coming to Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Hays. These relics will be on display throughout the day, beginning at 8am (at the start of daily Mass), and ending at 7pm (at the end of the daily Spanish Mass).

Prayer cards and information will be provided in both English and in Spanish.

In addition, we would like to thank the Knights of Columbus for sponsoring this event. If you would like more information on the martyrs, you can find it at: <https://www.kofc.org/en/news-room/mexican-martyrs/index.html>. There is also an excellent movie, For Greater Glory: The True Story of Cristiada, which depicts events during the Cristero War.

All are welcome to come and adore the relics of these martyrs and pray for religious freedom throughout the world!



Janel, Herrmann, Amy Moeder, Amber Lacewell, 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.*

**CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS**



**HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY**

Mandy Meagher Principal  
(785) 625-3131

May 16 - Aug 18 Summer Break! *Enjoy your Summer!*

June - July Summer Office Hours  
Tues - Thurs 8:00 - 1:00



**THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN**

Chad Meitner, Principal

Melissa Schoepf, Jr. High Assistant Principal  
(785) 625-6577

**Today we observe the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.** This beautiful feast celebrates the gift of the Eucharist, which the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches is the source and summit of our Christian faith. "For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ Himself" (CCC paragraph 1324).

The very word, Eucharist, means "thanksgiving" or "gratitude" and so this feast is especially meaningful to all of us who are striving to live as grateful stewards of all God's blessings to us. Surely the Eucharist is the greatest of all blessings because it is not only from God, it is God — the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Today's second reading from St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians reminds us of the depths of love our Lord has shown us in the gift of the Eucharist, recalling Christ's words at the very first Eucharistic celebration. "The Lord Jesus... took bread, and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you.'" In that moment, and at every celebration of the Mass thereafter, Jesus gives us His very self in an act of complete humility and perfect love. How can we possibly show our gratitude for such a sublime gift?

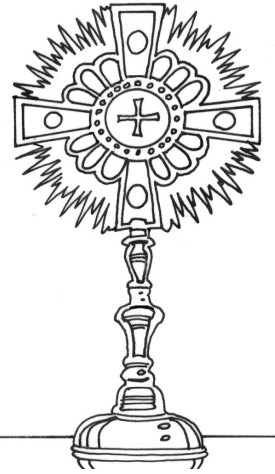
We can receive the gift of the Eucharist with the greatest possible reverence and love. And, following our Lord's example, we can give ourselves generously to others in the week ahead.

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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.*





# Heartland Parishes

## Corpus Christi

### Eucharistic Procession

### Sunday, June 22, 2025

### 3:00 p.m.

### TMP-Marian Grotto



Join us in celebrating the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, traditionally known as Corpus Christi.

Exposition begins at 3:00pm at the TMP-Marian Grotto followed by a Procession along Hall Street stopping at two outside altars for prayers and hymns, then back to the TMP-Marian Grotto for Benediction.





# Heartland Parishes

July 20-25, 2025

TMP-Marian Campus



## What is Totus Tuus?

Totus Tuus is a week long summer Catholic youth program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic Faith through evangelization, catechesis, Christian witness, and Eucharistic worship.

For those entering grades 1-12 in the '25-'26 year:

1st-6th grades: July 21-25, M-F, 9am-3pm

7th-12th grades: July 20-24, Sun-Th, 7:30pm-9:45pm

Contact:

IHM: Jaclyn Brown, 785.625.7339

St. Joe: Allison Ochoa, 785.625.7356

St. Nick: Cody Marintzer, 785.628.1446



Through your generous gift of stewardship to your parishes, there will be no registration fee this year. We still need you to register your child though so we can account for snacks and other supplies.

Register  
Here:

