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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, August 15th, 2021 ~ The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. Aug 15 8:00 am +Farron Leiker
Wed. Aug 18 7:30 am L/D Albinus & Velma Weigel family
Sun. Aug 22 8:00 am +Clarence Legleiter
Wed. Aug 25 7:30 am L/D Marvin & Mary Jo Braun family

SERVERS

Sunday, Aug 15 Cali Richmeier & Rafe Richmeier
Sunday, Aug 22 Wyatt Gerstner & Trenton Staley

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, Aug 15 Jenalyn Leiker & Deacon Steve
Sunday, Aug 22 Lauren Moeder & Ken Richmeier

LECTORS

Sun. Aug 15 Lauren Moeder
Sun. Aug 22 Natalie Oborny

OFFERTORY GIFTS

Brian Pfannenstiel
Amy Pfannenstiel

GREETERS

Sunday, Aug 15 Rich & Sherri Ruder
Sunday, Aug 22 Frank & Paulette Seib

COLLECTION TEAM

Sunday, August 15

Ernie Binder, David Leiker, Mark Leiker, Tony Rohr

Sunday, August 8

Jerry Gross, Larry Koirth, Brian Pfannenstiel, Caleb Staley

TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

Sunday, August 15 Randy & Michelle Werth
Sunday, August 22 Tony & Patty Rohr
Sunday, August 29 Mark & Dora Leiker
Sunday, Sept. 5 Jason & Rose Carter

Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure

Envelopes	\$1,795.00
Loose	\$107.00
Mission	\$770.00
Seminary	\$360.00
Total	\$3,032.00



REFLECTION FROM DEACON STEVE URBAN

Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab
1 Corinthians 15:20-27
Luke 1:39-56

After listening to the news or checking a news feed on my phone, I often feel depressed by all the happenings in our country and the world. Covid uncertainty, scandals, abuse, lies and the political wrangling create an uneasiness in our lives. Then you factor in personal issues, and one is left with a pit in one's stomach. One questions where is God, and where is God leading our world. I am certain that the Christians at the time the book of Revelation was written also felt that same uncertainty and fear. Bombarded with persecution from the Roman government, they needed some hope and consolation. The image of a son born to a woman and snatched from the power of the dragon was that sign of hope. And that woman was Mary and also the Church. God would bring about his plan of salvation through both Mary and the new Israel the Church. In the Gospel, God brings hope to his people who longed for a savior through the simple but life changing "fiat" of Mary. Mary shows us in the Gospel that the lowly, the poor, and those who truly hunger for God, will be victorious over the power of evil and sin. God is victorious over all sin and evil in the world because his son suffered death on the cross, and God raised him up in the resurrection. Hope is our anthem, and Mary, whose Assumption we celebrate today, is our guide and model for discipleship.

Our first reading is from the book of Revelation which is filled with Old Testament images and all sorts of symbolism. While many have misinterpreted Revelation in a literal sense to predict the end of the world, the book was written to give hope and meaning to the sufferings of the early Christians. The dragon symbolizes the devil and his destructive powers in the world. The woman symbolizes the new Israel or the Church out of which is born the Messiah, the Christ. The devil or the evil dragon tries to devour the male child or the Messiah, but God's reign is victorious. St. Paul, in the second reading, reflects on the victory of Christ. For Paul states that Christ has died and was raised up to new life. Christ is victorious over evil and ultimately death itself, and Christ has promised us the same victory over sin and death. Finally, in Luke's Gospel, Mary goes to visit her cousin Elizabeth. Elizabeth proclaims three times that Mary is blessed because Mary believed in God's word and his love for her. Mary has become the new ark, the new dwelling place for God through her conception of Jesus. Her lowliness and total reliance on God is an example for all who want to follow Christ and his teachings.

As we celebrate this Feast of the Assumption or any other Marian feast, what shall we take away from Mary and her life. First, Mary is the first and greatest disciple. Of all the things the Church honors about Mary, the most important is that she was a model follower...the perfect example of discipleship. She followed Christ by being Christ-like. She totally surrendered in humility to God and his plan. Her reliance was totally on God and his goodness. Her Immaculate Conception, her dedication to God, and her Assumption were all pure gifts given to her by God. If we can learn from her and follow her example, it is to surrender everything we have, we want to be, and do to God and his plan. God indeed has cast down the mighty and those who are proud and self-sufficient and has lifted up the poor and lowly. By poor, I mean those who place all their trust in God and God alone. On this great feast, let us turn to Mary and follow her example of saying yes to God.

~ Deacon Steve



Father in heaven, all creation rightly gives you praise, for all life and all holiness come from you. In the plan of your wisdom, she who bore the Christ in her womb was raised body and soul in glory to be with him in heaven. May we follow her example in reflecting your holiness and join in her hymn of endless love and praise. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

“Healing After Loss” Support Group Tuesday, August 17th 5:45 pm; Community supper; 6:30 pm Special Program and Meeting; Healing through Creativity. Relevant group discussion combined with rock decorating session. Hosted by Center for Life Experience 103C E 27th St., Oak Plaza, Hays. RSVP by email: info@cflhope.org or call 785-259-6859

Prayer for Rain

O God, in Whom we live and move, and have our being, grant us rain, in due abundance, that, being sufficiently helped with temporal, we may the more confidently seek after eternal gifts. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen



Chris Brull, John Dreiling, Matt Shorman, Special Intentions, 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.



More 2 Life

Take 2 with Jerry & Debbie is a unique live daily call-in show. Hosts Jerry Usher and Debbie Georgianni share from their hearts and personal experiences, focusing closely on their listeners and helping them become aware of their tremendous worth and potential. Taking a fresh look at personal, spiritual, and cultural issues, their ultimate desire is to bring others to a realization of how much God loves them and has a beautiful plan for their lives. Tune in at 11 AM on weekdays. The call-in number is 833-288-3986.

Divine Mercy Radio's **11th Annual Appreciation Banquet** will take place in two locations: at 6pm, on Sat., Sept. 11, at The Strand Event Center, Hays and at 6pm, on Sun. Sept. 12, in the Hall of Bishops, Sacred Heart Cathedral, Salina. Cost is \$55 if purchased **before Aug. 20**. After Aug. 20, if tickets are still available, the cost is \$60. The cost includes appetizers and adult beverages. This is a sit down, served banquet with a great speaker, Father John Riccardo, who will be talking about What Do We Most Need Now? To purchase tickets, send your check, along with which banquet you will attend (Hays or Salina) and your meal choice (steak or chicken) to: Divine Mercy Radio 108 E. 12th St. Hays, KS 67601 785-621-4110

AUGUST – There is no time off for traffickers. Their networks are always alive learning better ways to buy and sell people. U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking (sistersagainstrafficking.org)

Families or individuals can still sign up to participate in the Traveling Chalice for Vocations ministry. For those not yet familiar with this ministry, you take the Chalice home and pray daily for Vocations, suggested daily prayers are provided. Contact Lilly if you are interested.

Women's Spiritual Day of Reflection ~ Sat., Sept 11th 10 am – 2 pm at St. Nicholas of Myra. 9:30 Registration; 10:00 Guest Speaker, Rick Binder; 11:00 Adoration; Noon Lunch; 1:00 Guest Speaker, Rick Binder; 2:00 Closing Prayer. Hosted by Salina Diocese Council of Catholic Women.

Perpetual Adoration Chapel Notice: Please consider and pray to commit to one hour of Adoration or be a substitute for those who have an hour. Please contact the Archangels. Bob & Carol Feauto (12:00am to 6:00am) 628-1429 Lorraine Brungardt (6:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.) 625-3021 Yvonne Demuth (12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.) 259-0650 Geri Rupp (6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.) 639-5588 **3 HOURS OPEN: Saturday 12:00 PM Saturday 5:00 PM Sunday 10:00 AM**



Sunday, October 3:

Annual Anniversary Mass, 11:00 a.m. & Potluck.

Monday, October 4:

Bishop Vincke will be here to celebrate Mass at 5:30 p.m. for the feast of St. Francis of Assisi.



A Student's Prayer for a New School Year

Lord Jesus, I ask for Your help as I begin this new school year.

Allow me to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before me.

Open my eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings.

Open my heart and mind to new friends and new teachers. Give me a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with my studies and courage to accept new opportunities.

Help me to be attentive to my teachers and let me experience Your presence in my new friends.

Jesus, inspire me to do my best this year! Amen

A Parent's Prayer for a New School Year

Lord, we give this school year to you.

We pray that each of our children will learn exactly what is right for them to learn.

Help them to master new skills and increase in their love of learning.

Prepare them for what you have for them in their futures.

Protect them from what is harmful to them and expose them to good things only.

We pray that they will have good attitudes and a willingness to work hard.

We pray that they will show respect and obedience.

Please give our family peace during this school year.

Thank you for loving them, protecting them, and caring for them. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Rachel Wentling, Principal
625-3131

- Aug. 17 -1st 1/2 day of school K-6th! No lunch/bus/ASC!
- Aug. 18 -1st Full day of school K-6th!
- Aug. 19 -8:00 a.m.-Opening School Mass!
- Aug. 20 -4:00-10:00 p.m.-Back to School Bash @ TMP-M!

HFE is seeking self-initiators who love God and are willing to serve His children as a paraprofessional.

HFE is also seeking enthusiastic individuals to supervise and serve children in our After School Care program. These positions run on the school year calendar and are scheduled 3-6 pm each day school is in session. Interested individuals should contact the school office for applications.



THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN

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

- Aug. 16: 8:30 am - 11:30am Orientation for new High School Students
12pm - 3:15 Orientation for 7th and 8th grades
- Aug. 17: First day of School (Early Release)
- Aug. 20: 4pm - 10pm Back to School Bash

Job Openings! TMP-M currently has 1 job positions open. We need a full-time custodian/maintenance person. Please contact school (625-6577) for more information.



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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.