

St. Francis of Assisi Church

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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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. Dec 3	8:00 am	Kenny & Ann Pfannenstiel family
Wed. Dec 6	7:30 am	+Mary Jane Koerner
Fri. Dec 8	6:00 pm	+Farron Leiker
Sun. Dec 10	8:00 am	L/D John & Margaret Befort family
Wed. Dec 13	7:30 am	+Clarence & Irene Leiker

SERVERS

Sunday, Dec 3	Jacob Leiker & Logan Leiker
Friday, Dec 8	Hayley Gerstner & Ahnalyne Leiker
Sunday, Dec 10	Reylyn Leiker & Trenton Staley

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sun. Dec 3	Jenalyn L, Lauren M, Glenn S, Rhonda S.
Fri Dec 8	Amy P, Josh W, Tina W, Michelle W.
Sun. Dec 10	Lilly B, Nathan L, Wendy R, Tony S.

LECTORS	OFFERTORY GIFTS
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Sun. Dec 3	Tina Waddell	Frank & Paulette Seib
Fri. Dec 8	Lilly Binder	Rich & Sherri Ruder
Sun. Dec 10	Ernie Binder	Randy & Niki Sauer

GREETERS

Sunday, Dec 3	Amy Pfannenstiel
Friday, Dec 8	Brian Pfannenstiel
Sunday, Dec 10	Jeanette Pfannenstiel

COLLECTION TEAM

Sunday, December 3

Jason Carter, Jerry Gross, Wilbert Gross, Brandon Zimmerman

Friday, December 8—Volunteers

Sunday, December 10

Mark Leiker, Rexton Leiker, John Oborny, Darold Younker

TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

Sunday, December 3	Ken & Peggy Richmeier
Sunday, December 10	Ernie & Lilly Binder
Sunday, December 17	Mark & Dora Leiker
Sunday, December 24	Deanna Leiker

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER DAMIAN

**St. Nicholas & The Three Impoverished Maidens or
The Story of The Dowries**

There was a man, once rich, who had fallen on hard times. Now poor, he had three daughters of an age to be married. In those days a young woman's family had to have something of value, a dowry, to offer prospective bridegrooms. The larger the dowry, the better the chance a young woman would find a good husband. Without a dowry, a woman was unlikely to marry. This poor man's daughters, without dowries, were therefore destined to be sold into slavery, or worse.

Word of the family's misfortune reached Nicholas, who had the wealth inherited from his parents. Coming in secret by night, he tossed a bag of gold into the house. It sailed in through an open window, landing in a stocking* left before the fire to dry. What joy in the morning when the gold was discovered! The first daughter soon wed.

Not long after, another bag of gold again appeared mysteriously. The second daughter was married. The father, now very anxious to know who the secret benefactor was, kept watch during the night.

A third bag of gold landed inside the house and the watchful father leaped up and caught the fleeing donor.

When the father caught up to Nicholas, he said: "Ah, Nicholas, it is you! You have saved my daughters from certain disaster."

The father went on: "Why didn't you tell us who you were, so we could thank you?"

"Because it is good to give and only have God know about it," Nicholas said. "Instead of thanking me, thank God alone for providing these gifts in answer to your prayers for deliverance."

* This is the origin of the custom of hanging a stocking for Santa Claus. In some versions the story has a shoe, leading to the custom of leaving shoes for St. Nicholas to fill.




Coffee, rolls and conversation following Mass this morning hosted by the Christian Mothers.

Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure

Envelopes	\$2,041.00
Loose	\$21.00
Total	\$2,122.00





SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
 +++ Holy Day of Obligation +++
 Mass December 8th at 6:00 p.m.

EVENTS IN THE HEARTLAND



35th Annual National Night of Prayer for Life will be on Friday, Dec. 8, from 8pm to 12am, at St. Joseph Church. Join us for prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament *“Can you not spend at least one hour with me?”* This is a Heartland Parishes of Ellis County Event.

Religious Education: Wednesday, 6:30 pm.

Communal Penance Service Monday, Dec. 11th at 6:00 p.m.




Anointing will take place following Mass on Sunday, December 17th.

STARS and STRIPES BREAKFAST at the VFW, 22nd and Vine St, Dec. 10, from 7:30am to noon. Advance tickets sold benefits the St. Nicholas Ladies Guild. For tickets contact Clare Gustin at 785-635-3511. Advance tickets are \$11.50 for Adults, \$6.50 for Children, under 5 are Free.

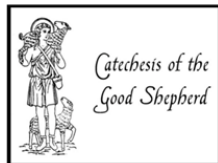
Perpetual Adoration Chapel openings: Saturdays, at 2am; and Thursdays, at 1am. Contact Geri Rupp 785-639-5588.

FHSU Cathedral Christmas Concert Sunday, December 10 at 3:30 p.m. The Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria Start the Advent/holiday season on a glorious note with the FHSU choirs: Fort Hays Singers, Concert Choir, and Smoky Hill Chorale at the annual Cathedral Christmas Concert in Victoria. Hays High School Chamber Singers and Hillsboro Girl’s Ensemble are the guest choirs. Also appearing: FHSU Horn Ensemble; Tom Meagher, organ; FHSU Saxophone Quartet; several FHSU music faculty will perform, plus other members of the Music & Theatre Department. The concert is free and open to the public.

Pictorial Directory: Plans are to have a pictorial directory done for our parish. In order for this to happen, volunteers are needed to work through this process. If you are interested, please contact Lilly 785-623-8000.




2024 Mass Intentions are now being accepted.
 Please limit to 3 requests.
 Stipends \$10.00 per Mass.
 Contact Lilly to schedule ~ 785-623-8000



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd came to the Hays Community this school year. The Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary brought materials to set up an atrium for the Catholic school community. An atrium is a prepared environment for children and adults, in

which work and study spontaneously become meditation, contemplation, and prayer. It is like a retreat house that offers a space to ponder the meaning of Scripture and the Liturgy. The atrium is named after the entryway into the church building in the early Church, where new converts learned about Christ and the Christian faith. The atrium is a place in which the only Teacher is Christ; both children and adults place themselves in a listening stance before his Word and seek to penetrate the mystery of the liturgical celebration. Materials, which are handmade, are used to present a theme to the child, who is free to choose an activity that will make possible the inner dialogue with the “Interior Teacher.” The atrium is a place for nurturing the religious life of children rather than a classroom for instruction. It is a place of meaningful work through which the child can have a conversation with God. For more information, visit cgsusa.org.

Family Perspective ...Bud Ozar
 Today’s gospel tells us to “Be watchful.” This comes natural to families. Parents are watchful of their children’s health, grades and friends. Children are watchful of parental moods. Today’s gospel encourages us to use this ability to see God acting in the innocence, tenderness, love and forgiveness of your family. “Be watchful,” the Lord is already with you.



Larry Roda, Kenny Pfannenstiel, Carol Legleiter, 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.

BIBLE REFLECTION ~ STEWARDSHIP GOAL

"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come." - Mark 13:33

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. We make our lives too busy. We plan our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to how God is calling you right now to help build His kingdom on earth.

The end of the calendar year is fast approaching. If you are considering a year-end donation, please keep St. Francis of Assisi Parish in mind. These unexpected donations and your ongoing support are greatly appreciated. May the Lord bless you abundantly for your generosity.

Reuse & Recycle for Catholic Charities. Catholic Charities uses the white, plastic Dillons Pickup bags for their outreach services. They are useful in preparing the food and personal hygiene bags that are distributed to families. If you would like to donate your bags for this service, please call Traci Pfannenstiel at 785-625-2644.

Advent Prayer for the Family: Heavenly Father, your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us, a great sign of your love. Guide us as we strive to walk in that love together as a family this Advent. As we prepare our hearts for Christmas, bring us closer to each other and to your son. Give us the grace and strength we need every day. Help us to always trust in you. Come, Lord Jesus, lead all people closer to you. Come and dispel the darkness of our world with the light of your love. Amen.



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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.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Mandy Meagher Principal
(785) 625-3131

- Dec 4 Christmas Program KP-5th 7:00 pm
- Dec 6 Arby's HFE Fundraising Night
- Dec 7 June Birthday Mass & Lunch
- Dec 8 NO SCHOOL—Holy Day
- Dec 11 Mary's Baby Shower
- Dec 14 December Birthday Mass & Lunch



THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN
Chad Meitner, Principal

Bob Leikam, Jr. High Assistant Principal
(785) 625-6577

- Dec 8 NO SCHOOL—Holy Day

MONARCH FOR A DAY
OPEN TO ANY 5TH - 8TH GRADER

Come join us for the day to learn what the school has to offer! Lunch included and transportation provided upon request.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5TH
8:00 A.M. - NOON
THOMAS MORE PREP MARIAN

FREE STUDENT ADMISSION & POPCORN
TMP-M VS SALINA SACRED HEART
BASKETBALL GAME THAT EVENING STARTING AT
4:30 P.M.

To register please contact Melissa Schoepf
schoepfm@tmpmarian.org
(785)625-6577



2023 - Advent/Christmas Schedule - 2024

Our Lady Help of Christians - Antonino
St. Anthony - Schoenchen
St. Catherine - Catharine

St. Joseph - Hays
Immaculate Heart of Mary - Hays
St. Nicholas of Myra - Hays

St. Francis of Assisi - Munjor
Comeau Catholic Campus Center

December 3, 2023 - First Sunday of Advent

December 5, 2023 - (Tues.)

St. Nicholas - Advent Adoration w/music and Conf., 7:00pm

December 6, 2023 - (Wed.)

St. Joseph - Special Mass in Honor of St. Nicholas, 7:00pm

December 7, 2023 - (Thur.), Vigil-Immaculate Conception

IHM - 5:30pm English / 7:30pm Spanish

St. Joseph - 5:30pm

St. Nicholas - 6:00pm

St. Nicholas - Eucharistic Video & Discussion, 7:00pm

December 8, 2023, (Fri.), Immaculate Conception

Comeau Catholic Campus Center - 7:30am

IHM - 6:45am / 5:30pm both English

Munjor - 6:00pm

St. Catharine - 7:00pm

St. Joseph - 6:30am, 12:05pm, 7:00pm followed by Adoration

St. Nicholas - 12:15pm

December 10, 2023 - Second Sunday of Advent

IHM - Communal Penance 2:30pm

December 11, 2023 - (Mon.)

Munjor - Communal Penance Service 6:00pm

December 12, 2023 - (Tues.), Our Lady of Guadalupe

IHM - 5:00am Danza, 5:30am Mananitas

IHM - 5:30pm Danza and Mass (Misa) at 6:30pm with Fiesta
Following in the HFE Activity Center.

St. Nicholas - Advent Adoration w/music and Conf., 7:00pm

December 14, 2023 - (Thurs.)

St. Nicholas - Eucharistic Video & Discussion, 7:00pm

December 16, 2023 - (Sat.)

IHM - Posadas at 7:00pm in Church

St. Joseph - Anointing of the Sick following 6:00pm Mass

December 17, 2023 - Third Sunday of Advent

IHM - Posadas at 7:30pm in the Church

St. Joseph - Anointing of the Sick following both Masses

St. Joseph - Communal Penance Service 3:00pm

December 18, 2023 - (Mon.)

IHM - Posadas at 7:00pm in Church

December 19, 2023 - (Tues.)

IHM - Posadas at 7:00pm in Church

St. Nicholas - Advent Adoration w/music and Conf., 7:00pm

December 20, 2023 - (Wed.)

IHM - Posadas at 7:00pm in Church

December 21, 2023 - (Thur.)

IHM - Posadas at 7:00pm in Church

St. Joseph - Adoration 7:00am - 7:00pm

St. Nicholas - Eucharistic Video & Discussion, 7:00pm

December 22, 2023 - (Fri.)

IHM - Posadas at 7:00pm in Church

December 23, 2023 - (Sat.)

IHM - Posadas at 7:00pm in Church

December 24, 2023 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

IHM - No 5:00pm Confessions, No 6:00pm Mass

December 24, 2023 - (Sun.) Christmas Eve

Antonino - 4:00pm

CCC - 9:00am Mass, **NO 6:00pm Mass**

IHM - 4:00pm and 10:00pm (Bilingual)

Munjor - 7:00pm

Schoenchen - 6:00pm

St. Joseph - 5:00pm, 11:30pm Choir Music, Mass at Midnight

St. Nicholas - 5:00pm

December 25, 2023 - (Mon.) Christmas Day

CCC - 9:00am only

IHM - 9:00am & 12:00pm (Spanish)

St. Catharine - 9:00am

St. Joseph - 7:30am, 10:30am

St. Nicholas - 9:30am

December 26, 2023 - (Tues.)

IHM - No Masses

December 27, 2023 - (Wed.)

IHM - No Masses

December 31, 2023, (Sun.) Vigil - Solemnity of Mary

St. Joseph - 5:00pm

January 1, 2024, (Mon.) Solemnity of Mary

CCC - **NO MASS**

IHM - 6:45am & 5:30pm English (No Vigil Masses)

Munjor - 8:00am

St. Joseph - 8:00am, 10:00am

St. Nicholas - 9:30am



35th ANNUAL NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE

In conjunction with the Feast of the Immaculate Conception

"And the Word was made flesh and dwelt amongst us."

~ John 1:14

Scripture tells us that as soon as the Holy Spirit overshadowed the virginal womb, God became one of the human family immediately.

In a like manner, when a child is conceived in his mother's womb, he becomes one of us. This little human being now dwells among us.

That the world may understand this truth, we invite you to come pray with us as we unite our prayers and petitions with people across the country, in cathedrals, churches and chapels, highlighting Eucharistic Adoration and the Rosary.



St. Joseph Church
Friday, December 8, 2023
Holy Day Mass at 7:00 p.m.
Night of Prayer 8:00 P.M. - MIDNIGHT

Join us for prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament

“Can you not spend at least one hour with me?”

This is a Heartland Parishes of Ellis County Event

For Additional Information Contact the Parish Office at 785-625-7356.