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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, December 5th, 2021 ~ Second Sunday of Advent



MASS INTENTIONS



Sun. Dec 5 8:00 am +Jeremy Seib
Tue. Dec 7 5:30 pm L/D John & Adelheid Leiker family
Sun. Dec 12 8:00 am +Tony Seib
Wed. Dec 15 7:30 am L/D Danny & Lorine Pfeifer family

SERVERS

Sunday, Dec 5 Rexton Leiker & Trenton Staley
Tues. Dec 7 Wyatt Gerstner & Logan Leiker
Sunday, Dec 12 Benjamin Dome & Makailyn Leiker

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, Dec 5 Lilly Binder & Rhonda Stramel
Tues. Dec 7 Ernie Binder & John Moeder
Sunday, Dec 12 Jenalyn Leiker & Deacon Steve

LECTORS

OFFERTORY GIFTS

Sun. Dec 5 Tina Waddell Jason & Rose Carter
Tues. Dec 7 Lilly Binder Volunteers
Sun. Dec 12 Brian Pfannenstiel Brandon & Brandi Z.

GREETERS

Sunday, Dec 5 Larry & Gloria Koirth
Tues. Dec 7 Herman & Rosie Leiker
Sunday, Nov 28 David & Claudia Leiker

COLLECTION TEAM

Sunday, December 5

Ernie Binder, Brian Pfannenstiel, Ken Richmeier, Tony Staley

Tuesday, December 7th ~ Volunteers

Sunday, December 12

Mark Leiker, John Moeder, Greg Pfannenstiel, Jeff Richmeier

TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

Sunday, Dec 5 Jason & Rose Carter
Sunday, Dec 12 Ernie & Lilly Binder
Sunday, Dec 19 Tony & Patty Rohr
Sunday, Dec 26 Linda Gross

Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure

Envelopes	\$1,950.00	C.H. Dev	\$60.00
Loose	\$290.00	Hall Use	\$60.00
Candles	\$12.00		
Total	\$2,372.00		

REFLECTION FROM DEACON STEVE URBAN

Baruch 5:1-9
Philippians 1: 4-6,8-11
Luke 3:1-6

If life is a journey, then the spiritual life is most certainly a pilgrimage or life-long journey. Another way of saying it is we are on a road or highway to finding God, one another, and ourselves. This metaphor of a highway or road is what both the prophet Baruch and the prophet John the Baptist were calling the Jewish people to follow in today's readings. In both the first reading from Baruch and Luke's Gospel, this road or highway through the desert is never a straight one. It is filled with mountains and hills along with valleys and gorges. Like the Jewish people, our journey to God is often the same....it is filled with rough times and rocky roads, some level patches, but many winding roads. Yet, God is always leading us and drawing us to himself. And we must respond with attention and the hard work of repentance. We must throw off the robe of "mourning and misery" and trust in God's infinite mercy and providence.

Our first reading is taken from the prophet Baruch who was secretary for Jeremiah, another Old Testament prophet. Both Baruch and Jeremiah watched as Jerusalem was seized by the Babylonians and the people were taken into captivity in the late sixth century BC. The actual book of Baruch was probably written four centuries after the exile and was written to give hope to the Jewish people suffering trials and tribulations comparable to those of the Babylonian captivity. The message is simply that God would save his people, and God would lead his people back. Taken away into captivity because of their infidelity to God and his covenant, God would level the mountains and fill in the valleys and gorges and lead his people on a new exodus back to their homeland.

In the Gospel of Luke, we have the evangelist setting the stage for John the Baptist, the last of the Old Testament prophets, and yet herald of a new age inaugurated by Jesus and his mission. Yet, Luke places John's preaching and mission within the secular history of Roman rulers...Caesar, Pilate, Herod, and the Jewish high priesthood of Annas and Caiphas. Within the secular history which is filled with brokenness and evil, Luke announces a new era which transcends all these rulers and kingdoms. This new kingdom, with Jesus as messiah and ruler, begins with John and his preaching of repentance and forgiveness. This microcosm of Roman rulers and Jewish high priests' pales in comparison to the macrocosm of Jesus' kingdom of mercy and love. Yet to make way for this new era, John must prepare the peoples' hearts by calling them to conversion and repentance.

So, as we prepare for Jesus to be born again in our hearts, what mountains need to be leveled...what valleys need to be filled in. The Gospel message is always one of repentance and conversion. We always need to be made aware of our need to change and do better. Both prophets Baruch and John the Baptist call us to seek our God's mercy and forgiveness. Conversion is brought about all year long, but especially during Advent, by prayer, fasting, and works of charity and justice. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is also a great way to enter into the spirit of Advent. God is calling us back. It is God who leads us on this journey or road to holiness. Our response to his invitation is to walk in justice, charity, and peace.

~ Deacon Steve



BAMBINO BLESSING! There will be a Bambino Blessing today. Place the Baby Jesus from your nativity/manger scene on the table near the sanctuary.

Immaculate Conception – *Holy Day of Obligation*
Mass – Tuesday, December 7th at 5:30 p.m.

Religious Education:

No Class Wednesday – Holy Day of Obligation



Join in Unity of Prayer across America to restore the protection of life, family, church, peace and inspire courage in the soul of our nation! **NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE** hosted by/held at St. Nicholas of Myra. Mass Dec 8 from 7-8 pm; 8-midnight: Hourly prayer and praises presented by the parishes of Ellis County. 11-midnight - all time zones united in prayer. Midnight - 7 am - Adoration. 7 am - Benediction and Mass.

COME PRAY WITH US!

Anointing of the Sick will take place following Mass next Sunday.

Bishops Annual Appeal

St. Francis of Assisi numbers.

Goal set by Diocese: \$3,500.00
Amount Donated: \$6,300.00
Contributors: 19



**Sacrament of Reconciliation ~
Communal Penance Service,
Wednesday, December 15th, 7:00 p.m.**



We are once again accepting donations for Poinsettias for church decorating. If you would like to make a monetary donation in memory of a loved one, for your family, or to simply make a donation, please mark your check or envelope 'Flowers' and include the name(s) of those you are remembering, (optional). **Note:** If after the Christmas season you would like to take a plant you made a donation for, you are welcome to do so. Thank you!



2022 Mass Intentions are now being accepted. At this time, please limit to 3 intention requests. Stipends \$10.00 per Mass.

Contact Lilly to schedule ~ 623-8000

STARS and STRIPES BREAKFAST on Sun, Dec. 12, from 7:30am to 12pm, at the VFW. Proceeds go to the St. Nicholas Ladies Guild Ticket contacts: Barb Zimmerman 628-8074; Clare Gustin 635-3511; Darlene Kroeger 628-6351; Tiffany Zimmerman 259-3732; Adults: \$9.50 in advance, Children 5-12 \$4.50 in advance, Under 5 free.

PLEASE NOTE: There **will be** Mass here on Sunday, December 26th and Sunday, January 2nd. Those times were not listed on the Heartland Parishes Calendar insert in last week's bulletin.

Retirement Fund for Religious Collection. Show your thanks for the prayerful service of elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Your donation helps provide care, medicine, and more. Please be generous.

36th Annual Cathedral Christmas Concert Sun, Dec. 12th at 3:30pm The Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria.

Let every heart Prepare!

A Family Perspectiveby Bud Ozar

Today's gospel shows John the Baptist and parents have similar vocations. Like the Baptist, parents are asked to make "rough ways smooth" and to "prepare the way of the Lord" for their families. This Advent ask: "Does my life hinder or help my family to know Jesus?"

DECEMBER – A gift to U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking (USCSAHT) can make a difference in our efforts to confront the Human Trafficking pandemic. U.S. Catholic Sisters against Human Trafficking is a 501 © (3) organization (sistersagainstrafficking.org), 2039 N Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131.



Galen Schmidtberger, Special Intentions,
Mike Suppes, Chris Brull, Matt Shorman,
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.

Runnin Rev's Winter Game Please join us December 18th @ the Sacred Heart High School Gymnasium in Salina at 6:00 p.m. for the Winter Runnin' Revs game! Our priests and seminarians will play against local High School and middle school students! It will be fun evening! Pizza will be provided following the game. We hope to see you there! Continue to pray for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life.



Beyond Damascus with Dan DeMatte and Aaron Richards brings young adults the life-changing testimonies of ordinary people that launch them into lives of extraordinary mission for Christ and His Church. Tune in to 105.7 FM

Advent

CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Rachel Wentling, Principal
625-3131

- Dec. 8 NO SCHOOL! HOLY DAY!
Dec. 9 June Birthday Mass & Lunch.
Dec. 13 Reconciliation for grades 3rd-6th!
Dec. 14 Christmas Program Kp-6th Grade @ 6:30p.m.
Dec. 15 Mary's Baby Shower
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THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN

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

Dec. 8 NO SCHOOL – Holy Day

Marian Grotto Lighting at TMP-M The Hays community is invited to join the Hays Catholic Schools for a special evening in preparation for Advent in the TMP-Marian Grotto on Dec. 5, at 6pm. The evening will feature prayer, caroling, refreshments, and the lighting of the Grotto. Please gather your families and join us!

Custodian / Maintenance Employee:

TMP-M is currently looking for a maintenance employee to assist in the cleaning and maintaining of the school. The position is full time. Interested candidates should contact Tom Kisner, Operations Director, by email at kisnert@tmpmarian.org or by phone at 785-625-6577.



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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.

2021 - Advent/Christmas Schedule - 2022

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, 2021 - (Friday)

St. Nicholas - Adoration 8:00am to 4:00pm

December 5 (Sunday) - Thursday, December 9

IHM - CYO Night Prayer at 9:00pm

December 7, 2021 - Monday, Vigil-Immaculate Conception

IHM - 5:30pm (English)

Munjor - 5:30pm

St. Joseph - 5:30pm

December 8, 2021-, Immaculate Conception

Catharine - 7:00pm

Catholic Campus Center - 5:45pm

IHM - 8:00am, 5:30p.m., English & 7:30 p.m. Spanish

St. Joseph - 6:30am, 12:05pm, & 5:30pm

St. Nicholas - 12:10pm, 7:00pm, Confessions 8:00-9:00pm

St. Nicholas - 8:00 - 12:00am National Night of Prayer

December 9, 2021 -, (Thursday)

St. Nicholas - 12am - 7:00am Adoration/Bene. , 7:00am Mass

December 10, 2021 -, (Friday)

St. Nicholas - Adoration 8:00am - 4:00pm

December 11, 2021 -, Our Lady of Guadalupe

IHM - 7:00pm Rosarios for Our Lady of Guadalupe

December 12, 2021 - Third Sunday of Advent

IHM - Communal Penance Service, 3:00pm

December 14, 2021 - (Tuesday)

St. Nicholas - 6:30pm Communal Penance Service

December 15, 2021 - (Wednesday)

Munjor - 7:00pm Communal Penance Service

December 16, 2021 - (Thursday)

IHM - Posades at 7:00pm in the Activity Center

December 17, 2021 - (Friday)

IHM - Posades at 7:00pm in the Activity Center

St. Nicholas - Adoration 8:00am - 4:00pm

December 18, 2021 (Saturday)

IHM - Posades at 7:00pm in the Activity Center

December 19, 2021 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

IHM - Posades at 7:00pm in the Activity Center

December 20, 2021 - (Monday)

IHM - Posades at 7:00pm in the Activity Center

December 21, 2021 - (Tuesday)

IHM - Posades at 7:00pm in the Activity Center

December 22, 2021 - (Wednesday)

IHM - Posades at 7:00pm in the Activity Center

December 23, 2021 - (Thursday)

IHM - Posades at 7:00pm in the Activity Center

December 24, 2021 - (Friday) Christmas Eve

Antonino - 4:00pm

Comeau Campus Center - 10:00pm

IHM - 5:00pm, 7:30pm (Spanish), & 10:00pm

Munjor - 7:00pm

Schoenchen - 5:30pm

St. Joseph - 5:00pm

St. Joseph - 11:30pm Choir Christmas Music, Midnight Mass

St. Nicholas of Myra - 5:00pm (Family Mass), 9:00pm

December 25, 2021 - (Saturday) Christmas Day

Catholic Campus Center - 9:00am

IHM - 9:00am only (Christmas)

IHM - 5:00pm (Regular Vigil Sunday Mass)

Catharine - 9:00am

St. Joseph - 7:30am, 10:30am, 5:00pm

St. Nicholas of Myra - 9:30am, 5:00pm

December 26, 2021 - (Sunday) - Holy Family

Catharine - 9:00am

IHM - Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

Munjor - 8:00am

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

St. Nicholas - 9:30am, 11:00am

December 27 (Monday) & 28 (Tuesday), 2021

IHM - No Masses both days

St. Joseph - 6:30am

St. Nicholas - 7:00am

December 31, 2021 - (Friday) - Solemnity of Mary (Vigil)

IHM - 5:30pm & 7:30pm (Spanish), No norming Mass or Confession

Munjor - 6:30pm

St. Joseph - 5:00pm

St. Nicholas - 5:00pm

January 1, 2022 -, (Saturday) Solemnity of Mary

IHM - 9:00am for the Holy Day; 5:00pm Mass for Vigil

St. Joseph - 7:30am, 10:30am, 5:00pm

St. Nicholas of Myra - 9:30am, 5:00pm

January 2, 2022 - (Sunday) Epiphany of Our Lord.

Catherine - 9:00am

IHM - Regular Mass Schedule

Munjor - 8:00am

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

St. Nicholas - 9:30am, 11:00am