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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. Sept 10 8:00 am +Cody Younger
 Wed. Sept 13 NO MASS
 Sun. Sept 17 8:00 am L/D Gilbert & Gloria Leiker fam.
 Wed. Sept 20 7:30 am +Steve & Aaron Pfannenstiel

SERVERS

Sunday, Sept 10 Makailyn Leiker & Trenton Staley
 Sunday, Sept 17 Alec Gerstner & Rexton Leiker

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sun. Sept 10 Ken R, Peggy R, Josh W, Deacon Steve
 Sun. Sept 17 Ernie B, John M, Tina W, Michelle W.

LECTORS OFFERTORY GIFTS

Sun. Sept 10 John Moeder Jerry & Sylvia Gross
 Sun. Sept 17 Lauren Moeder Jason & Kacy Gerstner

GREETERS

Sunday, Sept 10 Tyson & Cammi Flax
 Sunday, Sept 17 Jerry & Sylvia Gross

COLLECTION TEAM

Sunday, September 10

Kyle Jones, Blake Leiker, Mark Leiker, Nathan Leiker

Sunday, September 17

Blake Spencer, Gary Staab, Trenton Staley, Neal Younger

TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

Sunday, September 10 Aaron & Kolleen Dome
 Sunday, September 17 Ken & Peggy Richmeier
 Sunday, September 24 Darold & Evelyn Younker
 Sunday, October 1 Mark & Dora Leiker

Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure

Envelopes \$1,460.00
 Loose \$226.00
Total \$1,686.00



FROM THE DESK OF FATHER DAMIAN

Wedding Ritual:

Extra Devotions in the ceremony

We gather in a Church to pray for the couple on their wedding day. The couple needs as many prayers as possible to help them meet the challenges of marriage.

In addition to the vows and blessings in the Marriage Rite, there are other prayers that couples wish to include in the ceremony.

The Church acknowledged the power of these extra prayers when it included them in the new ritual. The "arras" and "lazo" rituals, which are now in the marriage rite, have such power.

There is an ancient Catholic tradition of using candles to petition a saint to pray for us. The Unity Candle, with its prayer to Mary, grows out of just such customs.

Customs from a religious tradition can help the couple ask for divine help. They are designed to present the couple to God in prayer and to elicit promises from the saints to help them.

Secular customs are not able to petition God and the saints for help because they aren't built for such work. They concentrate on human effort and not divine assistance. As such, they are not appropriate for the wedding ceremony.

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Fr. Damian

Adding a Crossbearer to the Offertory Procession at Mass

We have begun having the Crossbearer lead the gift bearers as part of the Offertory Procession at Mass.

We added this to add a note of solemnity to the Offertory Procession. It helps emphasize the importance and dignity of the gifts being brought up by the congregation.

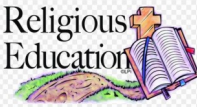
Mass is not a spectator sport. Everyone at Mass is there to assist in the prayers to God. While the priest leads the prayers, he is not the only one praying.

Lay people bringing up the gifts means we are giving these gifts to God. The Crossbearer leading that procession reminds us that this is a valued ministry at Mass.

Fr. Damian




Seed Wheat Blessing will take place today (Sunday, September 10). Place wheat on Mary's altar.



Religious Education

Classes will begin this Wednesday, September 13th at 6:30 p.m.

Christian Mothers meeting following Mass next Sunday, September 17th in the Parish Hall. All members are encouraged to attend. If you are not currently a member and would like to join or have questions, please attend this meeting.




Starting this month, the Munjor Knights of Columbus will be holding their monthly meetings on the 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Munjor School Gym. All K of C members are encouraged to attend these meetings. The first meeting will be September 18. Many decisions for the year will be decided at this first meeting. Hope to see you there.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Our Annual Anniversary Mass and Potluck to be held Sunday, October 8th. Mass at 11am. More details in upcoming bulletins.

150th celebration of our Volga German Ancestry ~ 2026. Ellis County Historical Society is in the beginning stages of planning for this event. If you would like to participate in the planning etc., the first meeting will be Monday, October 16th at 7 pm at the ECHS. For more info call 785-650-1943.

Family Perspective ...by Bud Ozar

The key word in today's gospel is "listen." We cannot change another person; not alone, not with others and not with a whole Church. All we can do is state our position and "if he listens to you" then he/she can take the steps necessary to change themselves. Change comes from within.



Kenny Pfannenstiel, Carol Legleiter, Special Intentions, Helen Werth, 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

"You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel..."-Ezekiel 33:7

Many of us are generous with our gifts. However, many of us are not generous in proportion to the gifts we have been given. How often do we give at the minimum level required? Remember, the Lord calls us to nurture and develop our gifts and to give back with increase. He calls us to be generous with all the gifts, especially the one that means the most to us.

EVENTS IN THE HEARTLAND

St. Joseph's Adult Formation, Pray & study the Gospel of John. Grow in love of the Eucharist ~ Dr. Brant Pitre's video series *Lectio: Eucharist*. Join us Wednesday's September 13 - May 1st from 6:30 to 7:30 in the Kennedy Cafeteria. For more information or questions call Paul Flesher 785-656-3121

Hospice Volunteer Training Wednesday, September 20th 8:30 am - 4:30 pm at HaysMed. Registration is due by Friday, September 8, 2023. Contact Hospice of Hays Medical Center 785-623-5000.

The St. Nicholas of Myra Knights of Columbus invite you to their Annual Steak Dinner, on Saturday, September 23rd. Social hour at 6pm, dinner at 6:45. Menu: Ribeye Steak (10-12 oz) or Honey Pecan Chicken with baked potato, vegetable, bread, salad and dessert. \$25 per ticket. Take-out orders available. Contact Glenn Gabel at 785-628-2120 or Kyle Normandin at 785-623-0580



Holy Cross Church in Pfeifer will be hosting a Mass to commemorate the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on Sunday, Sept. 24th at 3:00 p.m. Bishop Jerry Vincke, Fr. Jim Moster and Fr. Reggie Urban will be concelebrants. Music will be provided by Triology. Seed wheat will be blessed. Social following Mass. Everyone is welcome.

HaysMed's Annual Drive-through Flu Shot clinic has been scheduled for Sunday, September 24. The event, which will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., will offer free flu shots for all residents older than 6 months.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel We are looking for adoration substitutes. Please consider and pray to be a substitute for those who have an hour, or to commit to one hour of your own. To sign up or get more information, please feel free to contact Brian & Michelle DeWitt by text or calling 785-625-2481 or emailing dewittfamilyks@gmail.com

2 HOURS OPEN Saturday 10pm & Wednesday 8pm

Archangel's Name, Hours and Phone Number

Brian & Michelle DeWitt (12:00AM-6:00AM) 625-2481

Lorraine Brungardt (6:00AM-12:00PM) 625-3021

Yvonne Demuth (12:00PM-6:00PM) 656-9543

Geri Rupp (6:00PM-12:00AM) 639-5588



Sept, the Month of Our Lady of Sorrows.

“When she was asked to become the mother of the Messiah, Mary’s faith enabled her to give a humble and generous response. Mary’s faith was frequently tested during the public life of Jesus, especially when she witnessed the rejection of her son. At the foot of the cross, her pilgrimage of faith had its moment of most severe testing. Mary continued to believe that, because Jesus was the Son of God, His sacrifice would bring salvation to humanity.”



Will you stand for the unborn? National Life Chain Sunday 2023- On Sunday, Oct. 1st,

across the U.S. and Canada will provide a visible and resolute voice for the voiceless children who are threatened by the surgical abortionists’ cruel instruments or by the deadly chemicals in abortive birth controls. The event itself will start at 1:00pm, at the St. Joseph Cemetery in Hays. All will gather at the Memorial of the Unborn for a brief prayer service, then proceed to Vine Street from 26th Street north for the Life Chain from 1:15 to 2:15pm.

Diocesan Anniversary Masses 2023 Bishop Vincke & the Diocese of Salina wish to honor all couples celebrating their 1st wedding Anniversary & all other wedding anniversaries ending in 0 or 5 and any anniversaries over 70 years in 2023. Sunday, October 15th at 3PM Sacred Heart Cathedral, Salina, Kansas Sunday, October 29th at 3PM St. Nicholas of Myra, Hays, Kansas You may register now to attend by going to the link below or you can call the parish office and we can assist with your registration. No cost to attend. <https://salinadiocese.org/office/family-life>



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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

Rachel Wentling, Principal
(785) 625-3131

- Sept 11 Home & School Meeting 7:00 pm
- Sept 13 Early Release Day - Dismiss at 1:15
McDonald’s HFE Neighbors Night 5-8 pm

HFE Cajetan Ca\$h our first big fundraiser of the school year! HFE Cajetan Ca\$h is a fundraising raffle that benefits Holy Family Elementary. Cajetan comes from Saint Cajetan, which is the patron saint of good fortune. Tickets are available for purchase thru September 29th. Raffle Prizes are \$1,000- \$2,500 -\$5,000 -\$10,000. The cost is \$10 per ticket. Tickets can be purchased at cajetancash.rallybound.org, or contact any HFE student or email cajetancash@hfehays.org. Drawing will be held **LIVE** on the HFE Facebook page at 2:45 pm, on October 13th!!



THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN

Chad Meitner, Principal

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

- Sept 13 Early Dismissal (JH at 1 pm HS 1:05pm)
- Sept 15 Early Dismissal (JH at 1 pm HS 1:05pm)
TMP-M Homecoming Parade 5:30pm

For more information you can checks the TMP-Marian website under the Google Calendar for the latest updates from the school.

Theotokos Catholic Homeschool Co-Op

If you have questions or need to rsvp (all events require RSVP) contact Samantha Baker 785.639.3285 or 14sjbaker@gmail.com Find us on Facebook!