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MASS SCHEDULE

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



MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. July 18 8:00 am +Farron Leiker

Wed. July 21 7:30 am +Nick & Almeda Stecklein

Sun. July 25 8:00 am +Alicia Brull

Wed. July 28 7:30 am +Benjamin & Diana Dome

SERVERS

Sunday, July 18 Ahnalyn Leiker & Cali Richmeier Sunday, July 25 Valerie Dome & Alec Gerstner

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, July 18 Ernie Binder & Nathan Leiker Sunday, July 25 Wendy Richmeier

LECTORS

OFFERTORY GIFTS

Sun. July 18 Gene Gottschalk Ken & Peggy Richmeier Sun. July 25 David Leiker Confirmandi

GREETERS

Sunday, July 18 Terry & Cathy Pfeifer Sunday, July 25 Jeff & Wendy RIchmeier

COLLECTION TEAM

Sunday, July 18

John Moeder, Greg Pfannenstiel, Donovan Richmeier, Tony Staley <u>Sunday, July 25</u>

Ernie Binder, Jason Carter, Rich Ruder, Darold Younker

TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

Sunday, July 18 Aaron & Kolleen Dome
Sunday, July 25 Darold & Evelyn Younker
Sunday, August 1 Ken & Peggy Richmeier
Sunday, August 8 Jeff & Wendy Richmeier

Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure

Envelopes Loose \$2,050.00 \$228.00

Total \$2,278.00



REFLECTION FROM DEACON STEVE URBAN

Jeremiah 23: 1-6 Ephesians 2: 13-18 Mark 6: 30-34

Some of my fondest memories came from spending time with family and friends and enjoying a day of rest on Sunday. Throughout my years growing up, my parents stressed keeping the Lord's Day holy by not working and spending the day with others. As a young boy we would go visit aunts, uncles and cousins. My dad rarely broke the Fourth Commandment and did any type of manual labor. Sunday was a day for God, Church, and family. Keeping the Sabbath as a day of rest, relaxation, and prayer is something needed by our society more than ever. In today's Gospel, Jesus, the ideal shepherd, does what a good shepherd should do...he leads the apostles and the crowd to rest and refreshment. We might learn from today's Gospel to follow the ideal shepherd and put aside our work and worries and seek refreshment in Jesus.

Like Jesus, Jeremiah in the first reading is calling his people to recognize the power of good shepherds. Jeremiah is bemoaning the reality that the nation of Israel has many bad kings or shepherds. Because of the poor leadership, the southern kingdom of Judah was on the brink of being overrun and taken captive into Babylon. Jeremiah envisions a day when God will raise up, according to his promise to David, a shoot who will truly be a good king and lead the people of Israel to rest in green pastures and besides restful waters. In the second reading, Paul declares that through the blood of Jesus, God has brought peace and reconciled both Gentile and Jew to himself. Through the blood of the cross, God has healed the world, broken down division, and brought truly abiding peace to all. Finally, in the Gospel, the apostles return from their first missionary trip. Tired and hungry, Jesus, the good shepherd, tries to take them away from the world to a deserted place, but the crowds keep coming. Filled with heartful pity, Jesus shows them what it means to be true shepherd. He teaches, feeds them, and leads them to green pastures.

How is Jesus beckoning us to come away from the world and find rest and refreshment in him. I believe Jesus is calling us to rediscover the power of Sabbath rest...the meaning of Sunday. God gave us the Fourth Commandment to keep holy the Lord's Day not as some burdensome law, but as a life-giving invitation. God knows that the pressures of work, the

importance placed on productivity, and our consumeristic mentality will drag us down. He knows we need rest and relaxation and doing nothing, but enjoying creation, family, and our many blessings. Our world says our value comes from "doing" while God says our value is "in being". The world requires that we be on the go and at a fast pace, that we produce and produce more, and buy and shop until we drop. God says you are good because I made you, and you don't have to do anything for me to love you. But maybe you have to work on Sunday, well then find another day of the week to find rest, relaxation, and refreshment. Finally keeping the Lord's Day holy requires time spent worshiping God and praying to him. As the Lord of the Sabbath, Jesus is a good friend who wants us to waste time with him. Isn't that what good friends do? They spend time enjoying each other's company. Let's this week return to the Good Shepherd and find rest and refreshment in him.

~ Deacon Steve



Pastoral Council Meeting – Tuesday, July 20th 6:30 p.m.

Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated here next Sunday at our 8:00 a.m. Mass. Please pray for those preparing to receive this sacrament of initiation.

The annual seminarian collection is set for Aug. 7-8. This collection is held in every parish across the diocese and supports the tuition, books, board, and summer ministry expenses of our current seminarians, as well as recruitment of future seminarians. Currently, we have six seminarians. The average annual cost to educate one seminarian is \$50.000. To make online an gift. please visit: https://salinadiocese.org/office/catholicfoundation/generaldonations/. Or feel free to make a gift via your parish envelopes. And you can double your impact. We are thrilled to announce that several donors have provided an anonymous matching opportunity of \$50,000 for gifts to the Seminarian Education fund. Your gift will be matched \$1 for \$1, as funds are available. Thank you for your continued prayers and support of our seminarians.

Is there something tugging on your heart calling you to deeper faith in Jesus Christ through discipleship in the Catholic Church? In your mind are there questions about the Catholic Church and what it believes? Then join us on a journey of faith through RCIA...the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. The RCIA process begins Thursday, September 9th at 6:30 pm at St. Nicholas Church. Through prayer, study, and works of charity, God may be calling you to the Sacrament of Baptism or full communion in the Catholic Church. For more info about this process, contact Deacon Steve at urbs57@gmail.com or call 785.650.2931.

A Family Perspectiveby Bud Ozar

In today's gospel "the apostles gathered around and told Jesus all they had done." Listening allows the other person to express, understand and appreciate their experiences. Whether it is the excited chatter of young child or the repetitious stories of an aging grandparent, listening is important. It is not just time well spent; it is sacred time.



Matt Shorman, Adam, Special Intentions, Ramona Weigel, 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.

Ellis County Ministerial Alliance's First Step Housing will be opening sometime in August and we are asking for your help in stocking the house with needed household items. Our NEEDS LIST is on Amazon and a link is available on our website www.firstcallelliscounty.com. For more info on ways to help call 785-623-2800. Thank you!

Center for Life Experience, Inc. 103 C East 27th St., Hays "Healing Through Creativity"

July 20th, 6:30pm Offering hope, encouragement and understanding to those who have suffered an adult loss such as a spouse, parent, sibling, or friend.

July 21st, 6:30pm – Regular Group Meeting Offering hope, encouragement & understanding to those who have lost a loved one to suicide.

For more information, visit the website: cflehope.org or call 785-639-5465.

JULY - WORLD DAY AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS – JULY 30. Donate to residences where staff are helping survivors to rebuild their lives. U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking (sistersagainsttrafficking.org), 2039 N Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131.

Rachels Vineyard of the Salina Diocese is resuming retreat weekends. The retreats offer healing from the effects from abortion. Interested women or men can inquire by calling 1-877-I-GRIEVE (1-877-447-4383) or email rachelsvineyard@salinadiocese.org.



More 2 Life

There really is more to life... Join Dr. Greg Popcak and his wife Lisa for this live, call in

program that helps listeners navigate the waters of family life with relevant, relatable and achievable tools and solutions straight from the genius of John Paul II's Theology of the Body. It is the life you were meant to live! Tune in at 9 AM on Thursdays. The call-in number is 877-573-7825.

2021 10th Annual Diocesan Men's Conference is set for Saturday, Aug. 14, from 8am to 12:30pm, at Immaculate Heart of Mary parish in Hays. The theme is "Men of Hope" and falls on the feast day of St. Maximilian Kolbe, a great witness of hope in the darkest of times. Keynote speaker for the event is Chris Padgett, a leading expert on the life of St. Maximilian Kolbe. Registration is available online now.

Time is Running Out for New International Students!

Thus far TMP-Marian has not found families for three new international students for 2021-22. If you have been considering hosting but have been putting off making a decision, the time has come. If we do not get host families in the next few weeks, we will need to turn away these students.

If you think your home may have a place for one of these boys, please contact Michele Springer immediately at springerm@tmpmarian.org or 785-259-3083.



Memorare to Saint Joseph

Remember, O most chaste spouse of the Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who asked for your help and sought your intercession

was left unaided. Full of confidence in your power, I hasten to you and beg your protection. Listen, O foster father of the Redeemer, to my humble prayer, and in your goodness hear and answer me. Amen.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Rachel Wentling, Principal 625-3131

July: Office open Tues -Thurs 9-12 & 1-4

Holy Family Elementary has openings for the upcoming 21-22 school year for students entering grades Preschool, Kindergarten, 1st, and 4th. If you are interested or want to get more information, please contact Toni in the school office at 785-625-3131. We are happy to offer family tours and answer any questions you may have about our school!

HFE seeking an art teacher to inspire students in faith formation and excellence in fine arts. This position can be part-time or full-time based on additional assigned duties.

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

HFE is seeking enthusiastic individuals to supervise and serve children in our After-School Care program.

For more information call the school 625-3131



THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN

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

TMP-M currently has 2 job positions open. We are looking for a full-time cook and a full-time custodian/maintenance. Please contact the school for more information at 625-6577.

Wed. Aug. 4: 8am - 9:30am Enrollment for Seniors

10am - 11:30am Enrollment for Juniors

12pm - 1:30pm Enrollment for Sophomores

Thurs. Aug. 5: 8am - 9:30am Enrollment for Freshmen

10am - 11:30am Enrollment for 8th grade 12pm - 1:30pm Enrollment for 7th grade

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