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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, March 6th, 2022 ~ First Sunday of Lent

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. Mar 6	8:00 am	+Edward & Oliva Pfannenstiel
Wed. Mar 9	7:30 am	+Rupert Pfannenstiel
Sun. Mar 13	8:00 am	+Nick & Almeda Stecklein
Wed. Mar 16	7:30 am	L/D Tony & Vera Rohr family

SERVERS

Sunday, March 6	Benjamin Dome & Rexton Leiker
Sunday, March 13	Valerie Dome & Jacob Leiker

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, March 6	John Moeder & Lauren Moeder
Sunday, March 13	Ernie Binder & Deacon Steve

LECTORS

OFFERTORY GIFTS

Sun. March 6	Nathan Leiker	Joe & Mindy Pfannenstiel
Sun. March 13	John Moeder	Kenny & Ann Pfannenstiel

GREETERS

Sunday, March 6	Frank & Paulette Seib
Sunday, March 13	Tony & Diana Staley

COLLECTION TEAM

Sunday, March 6

Ernie Binder, Wilbert Gross, Tony Staley, Darold Younker

Sunday, March 13

Larry Koirth, David Leiker, Greg Pfannenstiel, Neal Younger

TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

Sunday, March 6	Ernie & Lilly Binder
Sunday, March 13	Tony & Patty Rohr
Sunday, March 20	Linda Gross
Sunday, March 27	Herman & Rosie Leiker

Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure

Envelopes	\$2,705.00
Loose	\$260.35
Parish Supper	\$60.00
Total	\$2,990.35



REFLECTION FROM DEACON STEVE URBAN

Deuteronomy 26:4-10
Romans 10:8-13
Luke 4:1-13

We begin our Lenten journey through our Sunday Scriptures by remembering and confessing. In fact, our entire Lenten journey could be encapsulated in the process of remembering who we are. We remember that through baptism we become sons and daughters of God through Jesus Christ our Lord in the power of the Holy Spirit. Recalling our baptism and journeying with the catechumens to their baptism during the Easter Vigil is our mission during Lent and throughout the Easter season. Along with remembering, we are, like Jesus, empowered by the Holy Spirit to confess that God is our Lord, and we will serve no one or no thing besides Him. The way we seek to remember is by refocusing our lives through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Our first reading from the book of Deuteronomy is a confession of sorts or a credal recitation of the Jewish people. Scholars consider this passage to be one of the most ancient and important ones in the Pentateuch. The Pentateuch is the first five books of the Bible. In this passage, we see a thanksgiving liturgy in which the first fruits of the land are offered to the God of Israel. Imitating their pagan neighbors who offered the first fruits to many nature gods, Israel also offered back to the God of all nature and history the fruits of the land. The reason this passage is such a foundational confession for the Israelites is that it lays out the core event of redemption for the Jewish people...the exodus from Egypt. The release from the slavery of Egypt was as foundational to the Israelites as the death and resurrection are to Christians. God chose the people of Israel, redeemed them from bondage in Egypt, and made them his special inheritance.

In the second reading today from Paul's letter to the Romans, we have another foundational confession or credal statement. This verse, "For if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved" is thought to be one of the earliest statements of Christian faith. It was probably used in ancient baptismal liturgies. In this statement, Paul is saying that obedience to the law will not justify a person with God, but faith in one's heart that Jesus is Lord and saved us by dying on the cross and being raised up. And this belief is then articulated or voiced with our lips and all our actions to show the world that God has redeemed us.

Finally, we come to Jesus' confession to the power of the Father through the three temptations by the devil. In each temptation, the devil attempts to entice Jesus to disobedience by using possessions in the form of bread, power in the use of all the kingdoms of the world, and prestige in bowing down to the devil. In the temptation story, Jesus shows us how not to fall victim to the devil's allure. Instead, Jesus confesses that God is Lord alone and Him alone shall we serve.

What keeps us from remembering who we are...sons and daughters of God through baptism? We get caught up in ourselves. We think the universe revolves around us. The "I" becomes so big! With myself in supposed control, we long to amass toys and things. We want to gather more possessions, gain control with more power, and sit atop the world with greater prestige. Jesus shows us that it is in obedience or surrender to God's plan that we find true joy, happiness, and ourselves. We can't do it ourselves but with Him we can do great things. Happy Lent!

~ Deacon Steve



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

Religious Education: Wednesday 7:00 pm



Stations of the Cross, Benediction, Confessions, Friday 7:00 p.m. Volunteer servers appreciated.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: Donations are being accepted to help with the humanitarian aid for the people of Ukraine. Your generosity will assist those who are suffering in so many ways at this time. Mark your check and/or envelope 'Ukraine' and drop in the regular collection basket, or mail to the parish office. Thank you.

Fish Fry



St. Nicholas K of C Fish Fry will be on Friday, March 11th, from 4:30 to 6:30pm, in the Parish Hall. Free will offering. Take out available. Menu: deep fried fish and chips, mac & cheese, coleslaw and bread.

We're back!! The Victoria K of C Fish Fries will once again offer dine-in service. Carry out is available. We will be serving deep fried Pollock, fried noodles and beans, coleslaw, baked potatoes, bread and drink. Cost will be \$15 for adults and \$5 for children. The dates are March 4, March 18, and April 1. We will begin serving at 5pm and serve until 7:30pm, or until the food is gone. Location is the Victoria VFW Hall.

Ellis K of C is hosting a Fish fry on Friday, March 11th from 5 to 7pm at the K of C Hall in Ellis, KS. Cost is \$12.00 for adults.

IHM CYO & St. Mary's K of C Fish Fry Friday, March 25th 4 - 7pm or until food is sold out. HFE Little Theater

Munjoy K of C Fish Fry Friday April 8th 5-7 pm
Menu: Fried Fish, Noodles & Beans, & Grebbel.
Dine in or to go orders welcome. Munjoy School

St. Joseph's Parish is hosting their annual Meatless Soups/Breads on Friday's during Lent in the Kennedy School Cafeteria from 5 to 6:30pm.

THE PILLARS OF LENT As we begin our Lenten journey, reflect on how your prayers, fasting and almsgiving can guide you. As Pope Francis explains, these are "elements which, when lived sincerely, can transform life and provide a sure foundation for dignity and fraternity." How can practicing the Lenten pillars transform your life and the lives of our sisters and brothers around the world? Visit csrcrice-bowl.org to learn more

Hays Session: The first phase of the two-year synod called by Pope Francis is happening in local dioceses throughout the world. The goal of the synod is to become a more "listening" Church. A listening session will be held at St. Nicholas parish hall, March 20th, at 3pm. Anyone is invited.

A Family Perspective ...by Bud Ozar

Jesus "was led by the Spirit in the wilderness." What is the wilderness in your life to which the Holy Spirit is leading you this Lent? Perhaps there are uncharted areas in your marriage or family relationships. Spend this Lent in your "wilderness" with God work. Where is the Spirit leading you this Lent?

March – Learn about *Labeling for Lent*, a national initiative of the Coalition of Catholic Organizations against Human Trafficking; include human trafficking issues in your prayers in church and with other groups; contribute to help abolish this crime. U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking is a 501 c (3) organization, 2039 N Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131 (sistersagainsttrafficking.org)



Faith and Family with host Steve Wood uses his background in protestant preaching to dive into Scripture to teach the meaning behind the words found in the Bible. Tune in to 105.7 FM, online at dvmercy.com, or on the free phone app at 8:30 AM on Saturdays.



Prayer Requests: Theo Leiker, 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.*



The mission of the Church is to go out and make disciples. The Salina Diocese has that same mission – to be disciples who make disciples through witnessing by faith, hope and love. The primary way that mission is funded is through the Bishop's Annual Appeal – Call to Share. Please prayerfully consider joining in the mission. • Make your gift online at join.salinadiocese.org • Mail a check to Catholic Foundation for Diocese of Salina (memo: Bishop's Annual Appeal – Call to Share) | P.O. Box 1696, Salina, KS 67402-1696 • Learn more at salinadiocese.org/office/catholicfoundation-for-diocese-of-salina



Daylight savings begins next weekend. Turn clocks ahead 1 hour.

Daughters of Isabella food & craft bingo is March 13 @ 1pm, Immaculate Heart of Mary Activity Center. Snacks available for purchase. A 50/50 raffle will be held. Please come & support the D of I! D of I members please bring your prizes from 11:30-12:30 the day of the bingo!

Gracious God, we pray for all persons suffering from war. May they be held in your loving care and protection and given the strength to endure great suffering and hardship. Transform the hearts and minds of all those who perpetuate violence and oppression. Grant wisdom to world leaders in advancing efforts toward world peace; may they not be compromised by self-interest and blind indifference. We ask all this through the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes and in the name of your Son Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

The PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL 1805 Vine IHM Church The Adoration Chapel is open 24 hours a day 7 days a week and Jesus is waiting for you. Following are the times available and names, time responsible and phone numbers of the Archangels. Time slots available: Thursday 12:00am / Saturday 10:00am



Prayer For Moisture

O God, in whom we live and move and have our being, grant us sufficient rain/snow, so that, being supplied with what sustains us in this present life, we may seek more confidently what sustains us for eternity. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.



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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

March 7 State of our Catholic Schools 6:30pm, at IHM (mandatory for parents)

March 9 Early Release Day—Dismissal at 1:15



THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN

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

TMP – M Still Seeking a Custodian / Maintenance Employee. Currently looking for a maintenance employee to assist in the cleaning and maintaining of the school. Interested candidates should contact Tom Kisner, Operations Director, by email at kisnert@tmpmarian.org or by phone at 625-6577.

Host Families for International Students Having an international student live with you is more than just having a roommate. Having a student in your home is your chance to teach them about how you live and celebrate national holidays. Things that you can learn from an international student cannot be taught from a textbook such as meal etiquette. If you are interested in becoming a Host Family please call Michele Springer at 785-259-3083.

AUCTION FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ACE 2022 is back with a full in-person oral auction on Sat. April 30th in the Al Billinger Fieldhouse at TMP-M. Online bidding for silent items will begin Friday 4/29 at 9:00 AM and conclude throughout the evening on Saturday. Only ticketed guests will be able to bid on the oral auction items. Tickets to attend the auction are still available by contacting the Alumni Office at 785-625- 9434. Gifts to Item #60, raffles and tickets to attend are also available at <https://www.hayscatholicschools.org/page/ace-2022>

"God never tires of forgiving us;
We are the ones who tire of
seeking His mercy."

Our Lady Help of Christians - Antonino

St. Anthony - Schoenchen

Lent - Holy Week - Easter

In the Heartland Parishes

Immaculate Heart of Mary - Hays

St. Nicholas of Myra - Hays

Wednesday, March 2, Ash Wednesday

Catherine - 7:00pm

Comeau Catholic Campus Center -

IHM - 8:00am (HFE), 12:05pm, 5:30pm (English), 7:30pm (Spanish)

Munjor - 7:00pm

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

St. Nicholas - 12:15pm, 5:30pm

Friday, March 4

IHM - 7:00pm English Stations, 8:00pm Spanish

Munjor - Stations 7:00pm

St. Joseph - Meatless/Bread Soup Supper 5:00pm, Stations 6:30pm

St. Nicholas - Adoration 8:00am-7:00pm/Stations & Confession 7pm

Wednesday, March 9

Catharine - Stations of the Cross 6:30pm

Friday, March 11

IHM - 7:00pm English Stations, 8:00pm Spanish

Munjor - Stations & Confession 7:00pm

St. Joseph - Meatless/Bread Soup Supper 5:00pm, Stations 6:30pm

St. Nicholas - Adoration 8:00am-7:00pm/Stations & Confession 7pm

Wednesday, March 16

Catharine - Stations of the Cross 6:30pm

Friday, March 18

IHM - 7:00pm English Stations, 8:00pm Spanish

Munjor - Stations 7:00pm

St. Joseph - Meatless/Bread Soup Supper 5:00pm, Stations 6:30pm

St. Nicholas - Adoration 8:00am-7:00pm/Stations & Confession 7pm

Saturday, March 19

St. Joseph - St Joseph Day, Solemnity Mass at 5:00pm

Wednesday, March 23

Catharine - Stations of the Cross 6:30pm

Friday, March 25

IHM - 7:00pm English Stations, 8:00pm Spanish

Munjor - Stations & Confession 7:00pm

St. Joseph - Meatless/Bread Soup Supper 5:00pm, Stations 6:30pm

St. Nicholas - Adoration 8:00am-7:00pm/Stations & Confession 7pm

Sunday, March 27

IHM - Communal Reconciliation Service 3:00pm

Wednesday, March 30

Catharine - Stations of the Cross 6:30pm

Friday, April 1

IHM - 7:00pm English Stations, 8:00pm Spanish

Munjor - Stations 7:00pm

St. Joseph - Meatless/Bread Soup Supper 5:00pm, Stations 6:30pm

St. Nicholas - Adoration 8:00am-7:00pm/Stations & Confession 7pm

Sunday, April 3

St. Joseph - Communal Reconciliation Service 3:00pm

Tuesday, April 5

St. Nicholas - Communal Penance Service 6:30pm

Wednesday, April 6

Catharine - Stations of the Cross 6:30pm

Munjor - Communal Penance Service 7:00pm