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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

785-625-6577 Thomas More Prep-Marian

www.tmp-m.org

Sunday, July 9, 2023 ~ Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions			
Sun. July 9	8:00 am	+Ken Smith	
Wed. July 12	7:30 am	+Nick & Almeda Stecklein	
Sun. July 16	8:00 am	L/D Steve & Jeanette Pfannenstiel family	
Wed. July 19	7:30 am	L/D Mark & Dora Leiker fam	

SERVERS

Sunday, July 9 Ahnalyn Leiker & Reylyn Leiker
Sunday, July 16 Alec Gerstner & Hayley Gerstner

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sun. July 9 Nathan L, Amy P, Tony S, Deacon Steve
Sun. July 16 Lilly B, Lauren M, Wendy R, Bea S.

	LECTORS	OFFERTORY GIFTS
Sun. July 9	Lauren Moeder	Amy Pfannenstiel
Sun. July 16	Natalie Oborny	John & Amy Moeder

GREETERS

Sunday, July 9 Alan & Juanita Stecklein
Sunday, July 16 Sid & Joanne Steinert

COLLECTION TEAM

Sunday, July 9

Jason Carter, Rich Ruder, Glenn Stramel, Darold Younker

Sunday, July 16

Nathan Leiker, Brian Pfannenstiel, Donovan Richmeier, Trenton Staley

TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

Sunday, July 9 Darold & Evelyn Younker
Sunday, July 16 Mark & Dora Leiker
Sunday, July 23 Deanna Leiker
Sunday, July 30 Jason & Rose Carter

Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure

Envelopes \$2,351.00 Loose \$130.00 Total \$2,481.00



2023 Mission Cooperation

Last Sunday we welcomed Fr. Henry Saw Lone a missionary speaker. Fr. Henry Saw Lone is a loaned priest and a missionary priest assigned by the Salina Diocese in our respective parishes for the 2023 Missionary Cooperative Plan.

The goal of his Mission appeal is aimed at financing pastoral activities to provide relief for refugees, pastoral activities such as giving the sacraments and teaching catechism in remote areas, building clinics, schools and providing clean water, food and medical care in rural areas in Taungngu Diocese, Myanmar. Your generosity makes it possible for these missionaries to bring Christ to the poor.

Myanmar — more commonly known as Burma — is probably not a place that often crosses your mind. Myanmar is a country of about 55 million people in Southeast Asia, situated south of Nepal and sandwiched between India and Thailand. It is also bordered with China.

Myanmar today is in yet another chapter of darkness, bloodshed and repression. Myanmar's military Army chief, Min Aung Hlaing, has seized power in the country in a coup on February 1, 2021, abruptly halting the country's democratic transition and detaining the country's leader, Aung San Suu Kyi, and the democratically-elected leaders while making up charges to hold them.

The reaction of the people of Myanmar has been resolute – hundreds of thousands of peaceful protesters have taken to the streets demanding a return of democracy and to end the military dictatorship, demanding respect in the outcome of November's election and to call for the reversal of the coup.

Myanmar has been turned into a slaughter ground as we witness each day the military is making increasing use of heavy weaponry including rocket-propelled and fragmentation grenades, heavy machine guns and snipers. Military and police slaughtered the civilians, and arrested the peaceful protesters brutally and mercilessly. At least 2,500 civilians have been killed in the military's crackdown on protests and nearly 6,000 arrested, according to the Assistance Association for Political Prisoners, a local monitoring group.

Most of my relatives in the country have been displaced by the brutalities and persecution for about a year. The UN officials say that there are many refugees fleeing to neighboring countries, Thailand, Malaysia, Cambodia, adding to the one million already in need of urgent humanitarian assistance across the country.

The world's response to the Myanmar crisis has been too sluggish, too little too late and far from tough enough to prevent further deterioration.

Myanmar is desperately in need of relief, to be able to access humanitarian aid and safely return to their villages. The Church has a role to play. The international community needs to deal with the reality, understanding Myanmar's history and political economy. Let us pray that more people in the West become aware of the situation in Myanmar. We are praying here and asking all to join us.

Blue envelopes for the Mission are located at the entrances for the missionary activities in Myanmar. Your kind welcome and generous support is most appreciated.

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for the warm welcome and generous support for missions in Myanmar. May God bless you for all the ways you witness Christ to others and encourage those around you to live their faith. Thank you for welcoming me and supporting the missions in Myanmar through your prayers, consideration of financial help. Be assured of my prayers for you.

In the hearts of Jesus and Mary.

Fr. Henry Saw Lone

Mowing & trimming at the cemetery Wednesday, July 12th 9:00 am. All help greatly appreciated.



Special thanks are extended to all who help with the upkeep of our parish grounds and cemetery as well as other maintenance that might go unnoticed but are an integral part of ongoing upkeep of buildings and grounds. Your donations **Volunteers!** of time and treasure are greatly appreciated.

Pastoral Council Meeting: Tuesday, July 18th, 6:30 pm

Peter's Pence. Thank you for your generous support for this special collection. As a parish, we collected \$230.00. Our contributions will join those from our brothers and sisters worldwide to help Pope Francis in his ministry to the Universal Church, including relief to people in need and support for the Holy See. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give.

Perpetual Adoration Chapel openings: Saturdays, 7pm and 10pm; Sundays, noon and 5pm; and Tuesdays 12am. Contact Geri Rupp 785-639-5588.

BIBLE REFLECTION ~ STEWARDSHIP GOAL

"For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."-Matthew 11:30

When we think of being good stewards, we may think that God is asking too much of us when He calls us to generously share our time, talent and treasure. However, we must remember that we are not "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. All He is asking is that we give back a small portion, in gratitude, of what He has already given to us.

Family Perspective ...by Bud Ozar

Today's gospel is about missionaries. As Jesus received a mission today, parents accept the mission of raising a family. Parents are not alone in this exhausting and difficult mission. Today Jesus tells us "Come to me and I will give your rest."

EVENTS IN THE HEARTLAND

Free event designed to help children deal with grief. Children deal with grief differently than adults do. A free event is coming up to help children deal with the loss of a special person in their life. The "Summer Healing Kids' Hearts Event" will take place from 4 to 7:30 p.m. at the Hays Aguatic Park. Dinner will be provided. Advance registration is required at (785) 259-6859 by Friday, July 14. For kids, ages 6 to 11. Sponsored by The Center for Life Experience in Hays.

St. Nick's Knight of Columbus is having a cash raffle with proceeds going to the two-car garage for a \$20 donation. 400 tickets will be sold. Nine cash prizes: \$1,000, \$500, \$500, and six \$250 drawing on Aug. 14. Tickets - contact Glen Gabel at 785-628-2120.

Bishop Vincke's **Year of Mercy Visit** here at St. Francis of Assisi will be Sunday, August 13th. His visit will include celebrating Mass, Anointing and Homebound Visits. We will also host a breakfast. This is an opportunity to show Bishop Vincke the vitality of our parish. Make plans to attend.



Duane Legleiter, Art Wagner, Jr., Carol Legleiter, Special Intentions, Helen Werth, Becky Robben, Maya Gottschalk, Stan Herrmann, 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.

Century Farm Award: Applications for the Msgr. John George Weber Century Farm Award are due August 1. Families who have lived on farms, have farmed land, or owned farms in the Diocese of Salina for 100 years or more are eligible to apply. For application forms, check under Rural Life on the Diocese of Salina website. For additional information or to submit your family application, contact Fr. Rich Daise at St Joseph Parish in Hays, 215 W. 13th Street, Hays, KS 67601 or call 785-625-7356 or email frrich@sacredheartcolby.com

Want to create a lasting legacy for your parish, Catholic school, ministry or the diocese? It's simple! You can do this in your will, a life insurance policy or other beneficiary designations. Gifts of any size make a big difference and helps pass on your Catholic values for future generations. Contact the Catholic Foundation for Diocese of Salina for more information - development@salinadiocese.org

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Report allegations of the abuse of a minor to the Department of Children and Families 800.922.5330 KBI Crime Hotline 800.572.7463

If you suspect abuse of a minor by church or school personnel, in addition to contacting civil authorities, the diocese provides a confidential Hotline: 866.752.8855 ext.1067
Website: reportandprotect.com

Email: reports will be responded to promptly by the Victim Assistance Coordinator

To report an incident of sexual abuse and related misconduct by a Bishop or Religious Superior currently or in the past, the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Services provides a confidential Hotline: 800.276.1562

Website: reportbishopabuse.org

The Diocese of Salina complies with Kansas laws regarding reporting suspected abuse to civil authorities and cooperates with civil authorities investigating reports of suspected abuse by all persons, including but not limited to Church Personnel.

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Questions regarding reporting should be directed the Safe Environment Office Diocese of Salina -785.827. 8746

"God is light; and in him there is no darkness. If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another."

1 John 1:5-7

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CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Rachel Wentling, Principal (785) 625-3131

June & July

Office Open Tues - Thurs 9-12 & 1 - 4

Holy Family Elementary has openings!

For all grade levels!

Including part-time & full-time spots for Preschool (3-yr-old Including part -time & full-time spots for Preschool (4-yr-old)

Call the office at 785-625-3131 or visit our website www.hfehays.org to sign up your child on the "Prospective Family" tab!



THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN

Chad Meitner, Principal

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

June & July

Office open Tuesday thru Thursday 9:00—noon

ly and 1:00—4:00

New JH Wing Open House on July 19th! 6th Grade is coming to TMP-Marian Junior High! There is an open house on July 19 to show the new junior high wing and other areas of the school. This event is open to the public and is a come-and-go opportunity from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to check out the new hallway and classrooms! Enrollment for the 2023-24 school year is open for incoming 6th, 7th, and 8th graders.

Enrollment information will be available at this event. Come check out the latest in Catholic school education available to area families! Questions? Contact TMP-Marian at office@tmpmarian.org or by calling 785-625-6577 between the hours of 8 a.m.- 3 p.m. weekdays.

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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.



NIGHT OF HEALING FAITH

Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

—James 5:14-16

FRIDAY, JULY 14, 2023

Father George Chalbhagam C.M.I. with Father Leo Blasi, Chaplain of the Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Movement in the Diocese of Salina

St John the Evangelist Catholic Church • 712 Broadway • Herington, KS 67449

5:30 PM Mass • 6:00 PM Exposition and Adoration / Confessions / Rosary

7:00 PM Reposition and Healing Service for the Sick and those in Physical, Emotional, or Spiritual Need

Light Refreshments and Conversation to Follow

For more information, call (785) 366-6189



NOVENA TO ST. ISIDORE THE FARMER FOR RAIN

<u>How to Pray the Novena</u>

Begin with the Sign of the Cross. Read the daily scripture verse (and spend a few moments meditating on it. Pray the daily novena prayer followed by the prayer in honor of St. Isidore and the <u>Our Father</u>, <u>Hail Mary</u>, and <u>Glory Be</u> **three times** for the intention of the Holy Father. Conclude with the Prayer for Rain and the Sign of the Cross.

Prayer in Honor of St. Isidore

O God, who taught Adam the simple art of tilling the soil, and who through Jesus Christ, the true vine, revealed Yourself the husbandman of our souls, deign, we pray, through the merits of Blessed Isidore, to instill into our hearts a horror of sin and a love of prayer, so that, working the soil in the sweat of our brow, we may enjoy eternal happiness in heaven. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Rain

O God, in Whom we live and move, and have our being, grant us rain, in due abundance, that, being sufficiently helped with temporal, we may the more confidently seek after eternal gifts. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST DAY: PARTNERSHIP WITH GOD (Genesis 1:25 and 2:15)

Prayer: Grant, we beseech You, merciful Lord, through the intercession of Blessed Isidore, farmer and confessor, not to let us be vain with the wisdom of the world, but by his merits and example, let us in all humility always do what is pleasing to You. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SECOND DAY: FAMILY LIFE IN CHRIST (Psalm 26:4-5)

Prayer: We offer the sacrifice of praise, O Lord, and humbly pray that through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin, Mother of God, and of St. Joseph, You may establish our families in peace and grace. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

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THIRD DAY: *LOVE OF NEIGHBOR* (Romans 12:9-12)

Prayer: O God, You who make all things work together unto good for those who love You, give to our hearts an abiding love for You: so that the desires we conceive by Your inspiration may ever remain unchanged in spite of every temptation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOURTH DAY: *DIGNITY OF WORK* (2 Thessalonians 3:8-12)

Prayer: O Lord, let us follow the blessed farmer Isidore's example of patience and humility, and walk so faithfully in his footsteps that by his intercession in the evening of life, we can offer You a rich harvest of merits and good works. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIFTH DAY: WALKING IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD (1 Timothy 4:15-16)

Prayer: Breathe into our hearts, we beseech You, O Lord, a desire for heavenly glory, and grant that we may pass, bearing in our hands the sheaves of justice, to where the Blessed Isidore is resplendent with You in glory. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SIXTH DAY: STEWARDSHIP OF THE SOIL (James 5:7-10)

Prayer: Pour down Your blessing, we beseech You, O Lord, upon Your people, and upon all the fruits of the earth, so that when collected they may be mercifully distributed to the honor and glory of Your holy name. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SEVENTH DAY: RURAL WORKS OF MERCY (Matthew 6:19-20)

Prayer: May the grace of the Holy Spirit, we beseech You, O Lord, enlighten our hearts, and refresh them abundantly with the sweetness of perfect charity. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

EIGHTH DAY: TRUST IN PRAYER (Philippians 4:4-7)

Prayer: O Lord Jesus Christ, Who has said: Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you; grant, we beseech You, to us Your supplicants, the gift of Your most divine love, so that we may love You with our whole heart and in all our words and works, and never cease praising You. Who live and reign world without end. Amen.

NINTH DAY: SACRIFICE OF PRAISE (Hebrews 10:12-14)

Prayer: Protect us, O Lord, who offer holocausts to You, and sear our hearts with the flame of Your divine charity, so that they may be ever more fervently prepared for sacrifice. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Saint Isidore, Pray for us!