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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

Sunday, May 7, 2023 ~ Fifth Sunday of Easter

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. May 7	8:00 am	+Rupert Pfannenstiel
Wed. May 10	7:30 am	+Danny Pfannenstiel, Jr.
Sun. May 14	8:00 am	L/D Christian Mothers
Wed. May 17	7:30 am	+Henry & Loretta Stecklein

SERVERS

Sunday, May 7	Jacob Leiker & Logan Leiker
Sunday, May 14	Hayley Gerstner & Reylyn Leiker

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sun. May 7	Nathan L, Amy P, Wendy R, Michelle W.
Sun. May 14	Ernie B, Jenalyn L, Tony S, Bea S.

LECTORS

OFFERTORY GIFTS

Sun. May 7	John Moeder	1st Communicants
Sun. May 14	Lauren Moeder	Jeff & Wendy RIchmeier

GREETERS

Sunday, May 7	Joe & Mindy Pfannenstiel
Sunday, May 14	Jeanette Pfannenstiel

COLLECTION TEAM

Sunday, May 7

Ernie Binder, Rexton Leiker, Tony Rohr, Darold Younker

Sunday, May 14

Nathan Leiker, Rich Ruder, Caleb Staley, Randy Werth

TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

Sunday, May 7	Mark & Dora Leiker
Sunday, May 14	Jason & Rose Carter
Sunday, May 21	Glenn & Rhonda Stramel
Sunday, May 28	Ernie & Lilly Binder

Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure

Envelopes	\$1,581.00
Loose	\$178.00
Total	\$1,759.00



My Stewardship Testimony

Treasure

By Father Nick Parker, Pastor Immaculate Heart of Mary

This week, I share my final testimony about Stewardship in my own life. As usual with Stewardship, we have saved the most awkward aspect for last – the gift of treasure. “Treasure” refers to our material resources, primarily (though not exclusively) through tithing.

Seeing my parents using their envelopes, I knew the importance of tithing from an early age. For me, though, tithing didn’t really begin until I got into college. When I entered college, finances were never difficult, but they weren’t great either. I had saved some money from working a part-time job in high school, but other than that, I pretty much lived on scholarships and grant money. For a couple years, I lived at the Comeau Catholic Campus Center, which helped a lot with housing! I also had a part-time job as a piano accompanist, which paid decently, but did not offer a lot of hours. Still, I wanted to get into the habit of tithing. With my meager income, I have to admit, I was a bit proud on those rare occasions when the collection basket would come around. I would pull out my billfold, and BOOM!!! - \$10 bucks! I was a good tither!

After college, income in the seminary was even more difficult. Many don’t know, but while in the seminary, most seminarians do not have extra jobs. Some get paid to do part-time work at the seminary, but these positions are few. In addition, we were not allowed to seek other jobs, as we were to be focused on our formation and education. The diocese and the seminary did provide for our needs, though, so it is not as though we are wanting by any means. When it comes to living expenses and other extra income, seminarians in our diocese very much depend on the generous gifts sent directly to them from parishioners and other groups, like the Knights of Columbus. For me, there were a few Knights of Columbus councils who would occasionally mail a check to me.

While at the seminary, we did not take up collections during Mass (since, with the exception of a few people, all the attendees were poor seminarians). Still, there were times on the weekend when I would go out with some friends to a parish. When going out, we believed it was important to offer some contribution wherever we were attending. Therefore, once again, when the collection basket came around, I was happy to pull out my billfold, and BOOM!!! - \$10 bucks! I was a good tither!

It was after ordination that I finally started earning a decent wage. Priests do not make a lot of money, but we are comfortable financially. With that, I’ll never forget the day I received my first paycheck. I had been an associate for an entire month, and at the end of the month, I was shocked – my paycheck had 4 digits on it! I had never had a paycheck so large in my life! With this newfound “wealth,” I knew that even priests were expected to tithe. I wanted to be a good tither, but now I had the opportunity to be a *really* good tither. Hence, that next weekend before Mass, I went to the collection basket, pulled out my billfold, and BOOM!!! - \$20 bucks! I *thought* I was a good tither.

Fortunately, I had a wonderful pastor in my assignment as an associate. In a later conversation, he explained to me that, although priests offer a lot in terms of time and

talent, this does not exempt us from offering treasure as well. In fact, if we wish parishioners to offer their financial resources, we need to set the example ourselves. And the rule of thumb when it comes to tithing for priests is the same for all people – 10%.

With that, I went back to my paycheck, and calculated 10%. As much as a 4-digit paycheck was a shock, a 10% tithe was a hard pill to swallow. But my pastor was right – if this is what we ask of others, we must be willing to do it ourselves.

It was sometime later I was having a conversation with a friend about this topic, and my friend offered another interesting insight. We normally say that tithing should be 10% (which is often broken down to being 8% for the church and 2% for other charities or organizations). However, this is a *general* rule of thumb. For someone who makes billions of dollars a day, 10% isn't that much; yet, if someone is struggling financially, 10% could be a lot! (Think of the story of the widow's mite in Mark 21). Although 10%, should be a goal, another way to think of tithing is that it should be a sacrifice, and sacrifices are meant to have some element of difficulty or "hurt" to it. With this, another good rule of thumb – give until it hurts, just a little bit.

With this in mind, I always do my best to follow these rules and tithe every month. I hear numerous talks and reflections periodically on tithing, how it is important for the good of the parish as well as our own personal need to give. All of this is true. However, if I were to state how tithing has affected me personally, I do have to make monthly sacrifices. At the same time, I am always discovering more the difference between what I *want*, and what I really *need* in life. In a sense, giving of my treasure has helped me to truly value the "treasures," the material gifts, that God has given me. To sum it all up, through tithing, I am happy that I am able to help support others, I learn more about sacrifice, and through this, I believe that I am always growing in my appreciation and gratitude for all that God has given to me.

Fr. Nick Parker



Congratulations to Madisyn Leiker, Riley Leiker & Darius Paul who will be receiving their First Holy Communion this morning.

Mother's Day Breakfast hosted by the Knights of Columbus will be held next Sunday. This will be in place of the first of the month social.

Religious Education: Last class for this school year was this past Wednesday. Special thanks to teachers Hannah Burks, Valerie Dome, Kenna Spencer, Brandi Zimmerman and teacher /director Joe Pfannenstiel. Your gifts of time and talent teaching the youth of our parish is greatly appreciated. God bless you for sharing your Catholic Faith in such a meaningful way. *'Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not run from it.'* ...Proverbs 22:6

Blessing of Farms: In honor of St. Isidore, patron saint of farmers and rural communities, Father Damian will bless farms upon request. Please contact Father to schedule your farm blessing. *St. Isidore Feast Day is May 15th.*

Thank you for your support of the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. As a parish, we raised \$135.00 to strengthen the Church at home and spread the Gospel across the United States. If you missed the appeal, it's not too late to give!

Pastoral Council Nominees. There are two vacancies that need to be filled. If you are interested in serving on the Council or would like to nominate someone, drop that information in the collection basket. Election will take place in June.

EVENTS IN THE HEARTLAND

The St. Joseph Cemetery maintenance crew will begin preparing to mow the cemetery. We ask that all items NOT ATTACHED to any of the monuments to please be removed by Sunday, May 16th.

The Basilica of St. Fidelis in Victoria will hold their annual Fidelisfest on Saturday, June 3. Mass at 4:00 p.m. followed by church tour. A German Wedding Dinner (wedding roast, stewed noodles, mashed potatoes & gravy, and vegetables) will be served from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Tickets: \$15 for adults, \$7 for children age 5-12, and free for children under 5 and can be purchased at the St. Fidelis Parish Office, 601 10th Street, or call 785-735-2777. A limited number of tickets will be sold at the door. There will also be a Keepsake Store, Bake Sale, Kids' Games, Beer & Brat Garden, and a Raffle Drawing (\$3,000 in prizes to be given away). In the evening there will be musical entertainment with a free dance.

Stewardship Renewal Forms: 53% have been returned. Are you part of the 53%? It is not too late to turn your forms in, if you have not already done so. **What gifts of time, talent and treasure will you share?**

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." 1 PETER 2:7

Every person has been given gifts from the Holy Spirit. These are called "charisms" and they are used to build God's kingdom of earth. While many people are able to recognize their natural talents and abilities, they may be unsure of their charisms. If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern their charisms and how God is calling them to use them. Remember - no gift is too small or insignificant in God's salvation plan.



Rick Werth, 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.*

The Rural Life Office
invites you to participate in a
Virtual Novena for St. Isidore




Join via Zoom
Registration Required
May 6-14, 7:00 PM
Scan the QR for Information
or contact the Rural Life Office
edell.david@gmail.com or 785.952.9002



CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Rachel Wentling, Principal
(785) 625-3131

- May 9 2nd Gr. 1st Communion Recog. Mass 8:00
- May 10 Kindergarten Field Trip
- May 11 Last Day of Pre-school.
6th Gr. Recognition Mass 8:00 am
- May 12 2nd Gr. Church Tours Field Trip

Holy Family Elementary is hiring! Join our team
Preschool Teacher ~ Full-time Paraprofessional
Part-time Paraprofessional


Call the office at 785-625-3131 or visit our website
www.hfehays.org for an application & more info!

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!




Catholic Charities Baby Bottle Campaign:
Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas will be conducting their 12th Annual Baby Bottle Campaign from Mother's Day weekend, May 13-14th to Father's Day weekend, June-17-18th. This campaign provides support to mothers in our communities facing economic struggles, giving them access to critical resources so they can provide for their babies.

Your contributions support: Pregnancy Services that Include Emergency Assistance, Counseling Support, Adoption Guidance Several other options are also available to participate:



Mail a check: Catholic Charities C/O
Baby Bottle Campaign P.O. Box 1366
Salina, KS 67402-1366

If you prefer, you can donate via venmo by scanning this QR code by visiting our venmo account at @catholiccharitiesofnk. Please be sure to include "Baby Bottle 23" in the description of your transaction. You can also give online at cnks.org/babybottle.



All money stays local and helps people who need our services the most. Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas – serving those of ALL faiths for over 60 years!



THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN

Chad Meitner, Principal

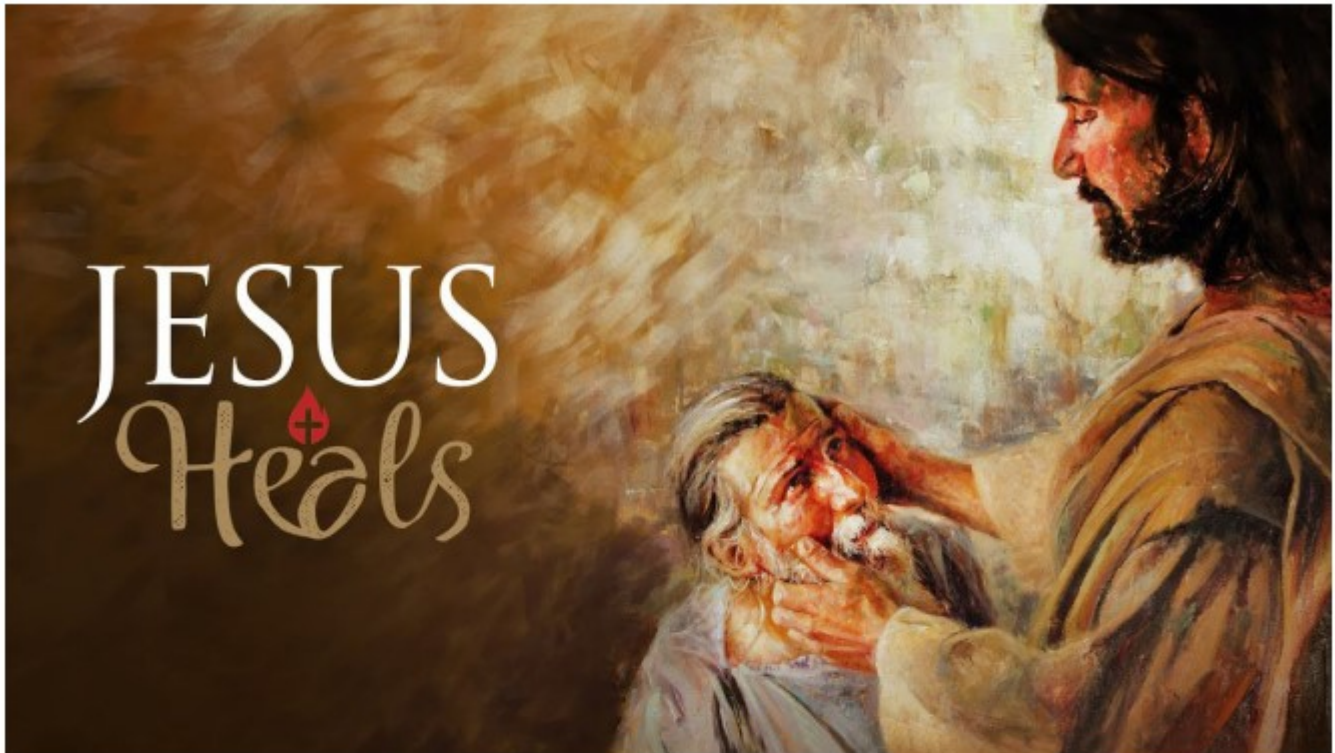
Bob Leikam, Jr. High Assistant Principal
(785) 625-6577

- May 7 Spring Sports Banquet 5:30 - 7:30
- May 8 JH Awards & Spring Concert 6:30 - 8:30
- May 10 HS Spring Concert & Awards 3:30 - 5:30
- May 12 8th Gr Recognition Mass 6:30
8th Gr Fun Night 7:30 pm

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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, MAY 12, 2023

Father James Thomas C.M.I. with Father Leo Blasi and Priests from the Diocese of Salina

Sacred Heart Catholic Church • 202 South Cottonwood • Park, KS 67751

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

7:00PM 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) 673-9775



NOVENA TO ST. ISIDORE THE FARMER FOR RAIN

How to Pray the Novena

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 Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be **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.

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!