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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, September 11th 2022 ~ Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. Sept 11	8:00 am	+Cody Younger
Wed. Sept 14	7:30 am	L/D Ted & Polly Pfannenstiel fam
Sun. Sept 18	8:00 am	L/D Francis & Mary Ann Legleiter fam
Wed. Sept 21	7:30 am	+Farron Leiker

SERVERS

Sunday, Sept 11	Ahnalyn Leiker & Trenton Staley
Sunday, Sept 18	Benjamin Dome & Makailyn Leiker

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, Sept 11	Jenalyn L, Nathan L, Bea S, Deacon
Sunday, Sept 18	Ernie Binder, Lilly Binder, Josh Waddell

LECTORS

OFFERTORY GIFTS

Sun. Sept 11	Valerie Dome	Jeff & Wendy Richmeier
Sun. Sept 18	Tina Waddell	Kenny & Ann Pfannenstiel

GREETERS

Sunday, September 11	Terry & Cathy Pfeifer
Sunday, September 18	Tony & Patty Rohr

COLLECTION TEAM

Sunday, September 11

John M., Donovan R., Neal Y., Brandon Z.

Sunday, September 18

Wilbert G., Kenny P., Caleb S., Darold Y.

TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

Sunday, September 11	Tony & Patty Rohr
Sunday, September 18	Herman & Rosie Leiker
Sunday, September 25	Darold & Evelyn Younker
Sunday, October 2	Randy & Michelle Werth

Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure

Envelopes	\$1,326.00
Loose	\$123.00
Total	\$1,449.00



REFLECTION FROM DEACON STEVE URBAN

Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-32

Thomas Merton, probably the greatest spiritual writer of the 20th century, wrote an article entitled "The Climate of Mercy". In his article, he says this about God's mercy. It is, "an event in which God reveals himself to us in His redemptive love and in the great gift which is the outcome of this event: our mercy to others". All three readings speak of the great gift of God's mercy to the following: the Israelites, St. Paul, and all sinners. God showers us with His mercy not because we deserve it, but because he loves us. Our response is to be grateful in love and share that mercy with those who have hurt or sinned against us. Merton says it simply and most eloquently in this way, "Mercy within mercy within mercy".

In the first reading from Exodus, the people are awaiting Moses' return from the mountain and become frightened. Then they commit the great sin of apostasy by creating a molten calf. The image of a calf or bull was quite common in the ancient world. Patricia Datchuck Sanchez, in her reflection on this Sunday, says their desire to have a molten calf was not so much a "deviation to idolatry as it was a desire to have a visible representation of God". Sanchez, in explaining this apostasy, uses the thought of scripture scholar Brevard Childs who says this incident was not an accident, but was representative of Israel's character. Before we point the figure at the people of Israel, we must look to our own lives and how often we turn from God and create idols. Again, time after time, man turns from God, and God in his loving nature reaches out to us extending the hand of mercy.

The Gospel is Luke's great unveiling of Jesus' teaching on mercy and forgiveness. The context for Jesus' three parables on mercy is the real life situation wherein the tax collectors and sinners are drawn to Jesus. Both tax collectors and sinners are drawn to God's forgiveness and the desire to reform their lives. On the other hand, the Pharisees and scribes are like the second brother who refuses to forgive and allows his self-righteousness to keep him from God's great mercy and love. Jesus uses three parables to illustrate God's desire for sinners to return to His merciful love. The first one is about the shepherd, who leaves the ninety-nine, to find the one lost sheep. In the same vein but told from a woman's experience, this second parable features a woman who loses a coin and searches frantically to find the lost object. Finally, Jesus gives us the wonderful parable about two sons. The youngest son seeks his inheritance, and in doing so "turns away" from the father. After coming to a moment of truth or conversion, he heads back to confess his guilt. The father sees him coming and returns his status as a beloved son by placing a ring on his finger plus a robe and shoes on his person. Then the father calls for a big celebration to mark the return of his son. Meanwhile, the eldest son gets wind of the celebration and refuses to come into the home because of his jealousy and disdain for his brother. The father goes out to him and wants to draw him into his forgiveness and mercy, but the eldest son refuses.

So what message can we take from these readings? In the second reading from Paul's letter to Timothy, Paul lays out how he was a sinner and persecuted Christ's church. St. Paul recognized his wayward life, and he always recognized

how God reached out the hand of mercy and forgiveness to him. Probably the greatest need in our world today is to recognize that we have sinned and turned from God. Yet, God is rich in mercy and desires most of all for us to come back into relationship with him and one other. Once we come to this awareness, then we have to extend the hand of forgiveness and mercy to those who have hurt us. It's always, "Mercy within mercy with mercy".

~ Deacon Steve



Seed Wheat will be blessed today. Place containers on Mary's altar.

Cemetery Mowing - Mon., Sept. 12 beginning at 8:30 am

Religious Education: Class Wednesday 6:30 -7:30 pm.

Christian Mothers Meeting ~ Sunday, September 18th following Mass.

Mark your Calendar



REMINDER due to scheduling conflicts, our Annual Anniversary Mass and Potluck typically held the first Sunday in October, will be held Sunday, September 25th with Mass at 11:00 and potluck to follow. Each family is asked to bring a covered dish. The Munjor Knights will be providing chicken. Table settings and drinks will be provided. Plan to attend for good food and fellowship.



Prayer List: Special Intentions, Helen Werth, Becky Robben, Maya Gottschalk, Stan Herrmann, Jerome Herrmann, Carla Meier, Terry Hauschel, Theo Leiker, Chris Brull, Carole Carter, Parishioners in Health Care Facilities. Drop requests in the collection basket or let Lilly know.

Prayer for Grandparents:

Lord God almighty, bless our grandparents with long life, happiness, and health. May they remain constant in your love and be living signs of your presence to their children and grandchildren. **St. Joachim & St. Anne, Pray for Us.**



Events In the Heartland



Holy Cross Church in Pfeifer will be hosting a Mass to commemorate the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on Sunday, Sept. 11 at 3:00 p.m. Bishop Jerry Vincke and Fr. Jim Moster will be concelebrants. Music will be provided by Trilogy. Seed wheat will be blessed. Social following mass. Everyone is welcome.

The St. Nicholas of Myra Knights of Columbus invite you to their *Annual Steak Dinner*, on Saturday, Sept. 17, social hour at 6pm, and dinner at 6:45pm. Menu: Ribeye Steak (10 -12oz.), 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.



Please join us at the K of C steak dinner for round 2 of Catholic game night. Guess who...and great prizes!!! Don't miss it.

St. Nicks K of C Cash Raffle: 1 in 20 chance, \$50 donation – winner \$500 \$100 donation – winner \$1,000 Drawing on Sept. 17. For tickets contact Justin Baalman 785-635-3777

St. Mary's Parish (Ellis) 28th Annual Auction Saturday, Sept. 17 from 5 to 11 pm at St. Mary's School Gym, 605 Monroe St., Ellis. Mass at 4 pm. Gella's Diner Catered meal with snacks and dessert throughout the night. Open bar, fabulous raffles and prizes. Online, silent and live auctions. \$60 per person. Must be 21 to attend. For more information or tickets call 785-726-4522.

World-known Catholic composer, classic pianist, and inspirational speaker, Eric Genuis, along with classic cellists and violinists. Thursday, September 22 at 7:00 p.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary, Hays.



Mark your calendars! Bishop Vincke and the Diocese of Salina wish to honor all couples celebrating their 1st wedding Anniversary and ALL OTHER wedding anniversaries ending in 0 or 5 in 2022. 3:00 P.M., October 16th - St. Mary's in Salina 3:00 P.M., October 30th - St. Nick's in Hays. Registration is available online at salinadiocese.org or by calling the Family Life Office at (785) 827-8746.

A Family Perspective ...by Bud Ozar

Parents are like that shepherd in today's gospel for they don't give up and can't rest if one of their children has wandered away. A parent's persistent love provides a glimpse of the unconditional love for each of us by God, Our Father. A parent is a window to the Divine.



Will you stand for the unborn? National Life Chain Sunday 2022 - On Oct. 2, 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 2pm, 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 2:15 to 3pm.

They often refer to it as the 5th Gospel. Walking in the footsteps of Jesus in the Holy Land open the eyes of the Christian to a new view of the life of Christ. Join Fr. Brian Lagar and Fr. Scott Bailey (from Denver) on an 11-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land. September 4-14, 2023. *Spots are filling up fast!* For more information please contact Fr. Brian Lagar at pastor@sacredheartcolby.com

Support Groups

"NAMI Connections" Meets 1st & 3rd Monday each month 7 to 8:30pm: Hosted by: NAMI Hays - 103C E. 27th St., Oak Plaza, Hays. For more info e-mail at art@namikansas.org.

"Healing After Loss" Support Group meets 1st & 3rd Wednesday each month 10am: Hosted by: Center for Life Experience 103C E. 27th St., Oak Plaza, Hays. RSVP by e-mail at info@cflehope.org or call 785-259- 6859.

"NAMI Family Support Group" Meets 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month (in-person or online) – 7 to 8:30pm: Regular Meeting. Hosted by: NAMI Hays - 103C E. 27th St., Oak Plaza, Hays. For more info e-mail at art@namikansas.org.

"Healing Hearts" Support Group meets 2nd Thursday each month (in-person) – 6:30pm: Regular Meeting. Hosted by: Center for Life Experience 103C E. 27th St., Oak Plaza, Hays. RSVP by e-mail at info@cflehope.org or call for information 785-259-6859.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Rachel Wentling, Principal
(785) 625-3131

Sept. 14 Early Release - 1:15
Sept. 15 September Birthday Mass & Lunch

Cajetan Cash 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 30th. Raffle Prizes are \$1,000- \$2,500 -\$5,000 - \$10,000. The cost is \$10 per ticket. Tickets can be purchased at cajetan-cash.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 14th.



THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN

Chad Meitner, Principal

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

Sept. 14 Early Release JH 1 pm - HS 1:05pm

TMP-M Military Appreciation Sept. 29-30

We are currently looking for sponsors for the 2022 Military Appreciation events.

"Red" Sponsor - \$1,000

"White" Sponsor - \$500

"Blue" Sponsor - \$250

If you would like to be a sponsor, please contact Mary Lang at 785-650-4514 or alumni@tmpmarian.org.

Assistant Girls Wrestling Coach Needed TMP-Marian High School is looking for a girls wrestling assistant coach for the 2022-2023 school year. If you are interested please contact Austin Tatro at tatroa@tmpmarian.org

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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.