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*Lord make me an
instrument of peace...*



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GRAND KNIGHT

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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, May 15th, 2022 ~ Fifth Sunday of Easter

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. May 15	8:00 am	+Henry & Loretta Stecklein
Wed. May 18	7:30 am	L/D Gene & Margie Rohr family
Sun. May 22	8:00 am	L/D Martin J. Staab family
Wed. May 25	7:30 am	L/D Tony & Wilma Seib family

SERVERS

Sunday, May 15	Benjamin Dome & Makailyn Leiker
Sunday, May 22	Cali Richmeier & Rafe Richmeier

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, May 15	Ernie B, , John M, Bea S, Deacon Steve
Sunday, May 22	Nathan L, Lauren M, Ken R, Wendy R.

LECTORS OFFERTORY GIFTS

Sun. May 15	Lauren Moeder	Larry & Gloria Koirth
Sun. May 22	Brian Pfannenstiel	Wilbert Gross

GREETERS

Sunday, May 15	Linda Gross
Sunday, May 22	Tyson & Cammi Flax

COLLECTION TEAM

Sunday, May 15

Rexton Leiker, Brian Pfannenstiel, Jeff Richmeier, Rich Ruder

Sunday, May 22

Jason Carter, Aaron Dome, Jerry Gross, John Moeder

TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

Sunday, May 15	Mark & Dora Leiker
Sunday, May 22	Jason & Rose Carter
Sunday, May 29	Ernie & Lilly Binder
Sunday, June 5	Linda Gross

Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure

Envelopes	\$1,731.00
Loose	\$93.00
Total	\$1,824.00



REFLECTION FROM DEACON STEVE URBAN

Acts 14:21-27
 Revelation 21:1-5a
 John 13:31-33a, 34-35

I remember one of my relatives would complain that the only topic priests would ever preach about was love. This relative, I guess, thought that too much love got old or we needed to hear more about doctrine or some other theme. The reality is love is the only thing for us as Christians. Love is the foundation of our Christian life. Jesus' entire message could be summed up in this statement in today's Gospel. "As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." Yet this love that Jesus witnessed for us on the cross and throughout his entire life will require that we undergo many hardships. In the Acts of the Apostles, our first reading, Paul and Barnabas established many new Christian communities. Love was the glue that held these communities together, but it didn't come without some suffering and hardships. The only way we can live in love as did the early Christians was to realize, as did John in the second reading from Revelation, that God's dwelling is with the human race. God has shown us the way to love in Jesus, and God continues to lead us to love through the power of the Holy Spirit. So even when the message might get tiresome, let's live in the love that Jesus showed us.

When we read the Acts of Apostles and hear of Paul's missionary trips, we might tend to believe that Paul's establishment of new communities was an overnight sensation. In reality, Paul spent a considerable amount of time in each new community until it was firmly established. Nevertheless, sometimes Paul needed to return to a community he established or send a representative to help deal with problems that arose after his absence. We have an instance in today's reading when Paul returns to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch. One of the main issues Paul had to deal with was a group of people called Judaizers. These were Jews who had become Christians, but believed that the gentiles who were converted must still practice circumcision and the Jewish dietary laws. They believed Paul was watering down the Gospel for the gentiles. Along with these issues, Paul also had to deal with human nature and all its idiosyncrasies. That's why Paul preached to all his communities the necessity of undergoing many hardships for the sake of the kingdom.

In the Gospel from John, we hear from Jesus' farewell discourse which spans from chapters 13 to 17. And what we hear in today's pericope is Jesus' new commandment to love as he did. Scripture scholar Patricia Datchuck Sanchez, in commenting on this passage, says at this point in the Gospel the evangelists Matthew, Mark, and Luke had the telling of Eucharist. The evangelist John does not follow this pattern, but records Jesus talking about the commandment to love. Sanchez quotes another scripture scholar by the name of Thierry Maertens who says this about the discussion on love. Maertens says, "It is as if for him (the evangelist John) love was just as real a memorial of Christ as the Eucharist itself". By loving as Jesus did, we communicate Jesus' visible presence. Love then is the foundation of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, and love is the foundation of our presence in the world.

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So how do we practice the love that Jesus commands in today's Gospel. I don't think we have to look far and wide to see where we can practice love. We don't have to travel to third world countries to carry out this great commission to love. All we need to do is look at our ordinary daily lives, and we can find a plethora of instances where we can practice love. We can start with our immediate family and see how often we fail to love. Sometimes, it is most difficult to love those closest to us...our spouse, our children, siblings, and so on. Each day God gives us plenty of opportunities to love and give ourselves to helping others. Hopefully, we never fail to realize that the greatest message Jesus gave us was this command to love as he did.

~ Deacon Steve

Pastoral Council Nominations: If you would like to nominate someone or serve on the Pastoral/Finance Council contact a council member, Fr. Damian, Lilly, or drop in the collection basket. Three positions will need filled. Election will be held in June with the 3 year term beginning in July. Please prayerfully consider whether this is an opportunity to share your gifts of time and talent.

(Current council members: Ernie Binder, Landon Leiker, Natalie Oborny, Brian Pfannenstiel, Wendy Richmeier, Gary Staab, Glenn Stramel, Jerome Vajnar & Tina Waddell.)

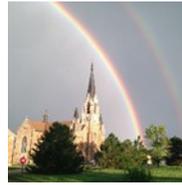
Cemetery Mowing/Trimming: Monday, May 23rd beginning at 5:00 pm. All help is greatly appreciated.

Introducing a new Special Needs Ministry for the Heartland Parishes. People with disabilities of all ages are welcome and important members of our Church community. We want to give them more opportunities for learning about our faith and growing in fellowship. There are no barriers to God's love! We are still working on the details, but are gathering names of individuals and their families who may be interested in this new ministry or volunteers who would like to help. Ideas include monthly bible study and religious education, opportunities for confession, sacrament preparation, family support, Mass participation, and more. If you'd like to receive more information or have an idea to share, contact Fr. Damian at frdjrichards@gmail.com or 785-628-1446 or Sarah Meitner at sarahmeitner@hotmail.com or 785-639-2629.

Tour-de-Kapellen (Tour of Chapels) Bike Tour - JULY 9th
St. Francis of Assisi Parish will be the recipient of funds raised this year. Our parish will provide snacks and a meal for bikers. Various opportunities and hours needing filled. Contact Bea Suppes at 625-5180 to sign up.
>>> ALL HELP GREATLY APPRECIATED! <<<

A Family Perspective ...by Bud Ozar

In today's gospel Jesus tells us: "Love one another." Love holds a family together. It is not what a family *does* which makes it outstanding, rather it is what is *has*, love for one another.



Holy Cross Church in Pfeifer will be hosting a memorial celebration on Saturday, May 28, beginning at 3:00 when Father Reggie Urban will conduct a memorial service at the cemetery. The Victoria VFW Honor Guard will present arms. Mass will be celebrated at 4:00. Music will be provided by Trilog. Picnic lunch at 6:00; Adam Capps Band at 7:00; veteran's tribute at intermission. Bring a lawn chair. There will be a 50/50 raffle and an auction. All funds raised go towards maintenance of Holy Cross Church. Everyone is welcome.

The Tour die Kapellen is a benefit bike ride for four of the Ellis County churches, held on July 9, 2022. This year, a bus tour, for non-cyclists is a new addition to the event. The bus will visit a minimum of 6 historical places. The tour travels from Municipal Park in Hays to Catherine Church, then to the Basilica in Victoria, on to Holy Cross Church in Pfeifer, stopping in Munjor to visit St. Francis church, wrapping up back at Municipal Park. At each of these stops, the participants will get refreshments, a mini concert from Hays Symphony musicians, and historical information regarding each church. The tour ends back at Municipal Park, with a meal prepared by the Munjor Parish. Music will be provided from 12 - 2:00 p.m. by the Joe Dolezal Polka Band. This is the third year for the Tour die Kapellen. The Hays Area Bicyclists have donated more than \$20,000 to the churches in the past 2 years. Please consider supporting the efforts of this organization by volunteering, donating or by registering for the bike ride or bus tour (limited availability!). Most importantly, we ask all drivers to be courteous to the cyclists on the road. They are riding for a good cause! For more information, visit www.tourdiekapellen.com.



Prayer Requests: Leon B, Terry Hauschel, 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.*

Knights of Columbus Food Drive will be May 28-29. Donation sacks will be available after Mass next Sunday. Please take a sack, place your donations in the sack and return it to church the weekend of May 28-29.



Hola, Amigos!

Fiesta VBS 2022

June 6th - June 9th, 2022

We invite you to join us for Fiesta VBS!

Who: Children entering grades 1st, 2nd & 3rd Fall 2022

When: Monday, June 6-9, 2022 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

How: Registration forms available in IHM Gathering Space or online at www.ihm-church.com & turn into IHM parish office

Deadline for registration: Monday, May 16, 2022



Catholic Charities Baby Bottle Campaign
 Mother's Day weekend, May 7-8th to Father's Day weekend, June-18-19th . Your contributions support: Pregnancy Services - Include Emergency Assistance, Counseling Support, Adoption Guidance. 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! *Bottles available at entrances.*

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 May 15th.

Perpetual	Adoration	Chapel	Openings:
Saturday 10:00a m —11:00 am			
Thursday: 12:00 am—1:00 am			
Contact Bob & Carol Feauto 628-1429			
Geri Rupp 785-639-5588.			

First Responders Appreciation BBQ, Saturday, June 4, 2022 from 11:00am to 2:00pm. Sponsored by all Ellis County Knights of Columbus Councils. For all active and retired responders and their families. Frontier Park West shelter house. Serving hamburgers, hot dogs, brats and refreshments. Rain plan will be in the Activity Center.



The Kansas Primary Election slated for August 2, 2022, may be the most important election of our times. A YES vote for the "Value Them Both" legislation is critical and we need every registered voter of our Catholic Community to get out and vote "YES" in August. Pray for the unborn and pray for LIFE!



May
The month of Mary

CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Rachel Wentling, Principal
 (785) 625-3131

- May 16 End of 4th Qtr.
Field Day & BBQ Lunch Outside
- May 17 6th Gr. Graduation Mass & Awards
- May 18 Last Day of School—Dismiss at 11:00

Job Openings at Holy Family Elementary

- 1) Classroom Teacher-Grade level to be determined.
- 2) School Cook
- 3) Daytime Custodian

If interested, please contact Holy Family Elementary school office at 785-625-3131 or Principal Rachel Wentling at rwentling@hfehays.org.

Holy Family Elementary has openings for students entering Preschool, 1st, 2nd, or 5th grade for next school year 22-23! Our preschool is a 4-year-old half-day program Monday-Thursdays. PA (morning class) runs from 8 - 11am and PB (afternoon class) runs from 12:10 - 3:10pm. PB students are able to attend After School Care up until 6pm. Please contact the school office at 785-625-3131 if you'd like more information or would like to tour the school!



THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN
 Chad Meitner, Principal

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

May 17: Jr. High—Last Day

May 18: High School— Last day

New and Used Uniform Sale Set for July 13. Save the date for the annual summer uniform sale at TMP-Marian.

Shells Partially Donated by Northwestern Printers.

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.