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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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. Nov 26	8:00 am	Dec'd K of C Members
Wed. Nov 29	7:30 am	L/D Alois Staab family
Sun. Dec 3	8:00 am	Kenny & Ann Pfannenstiel family
Wed. Dec 6	7:30 am	+Mary Jane Koerner

SERVERS

Sunday, Nov 26	Makailyn Leiker & Rexton Leiker
Sunday, Dec 3	Jacob Leiker & Logan Leiker

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sun. Nov 26	John M, Ken R, Peggy R, Tina W.
Sun. Dec 3	Jenalyn L, Lauren M, Glenn S, Rhonda S.

LECTORS OFFERTORY GIFTS

Sun. Nov 26	Brian Pfannenstiel	Blake & Kenna Spencer
Sun. Dec 3	Tina Waddell	Frank & Paulette Seib

GREETERS

Sunday, Nov 26	John & Natalie Oborny
Sunday, Dec 3	Amy Pfannenstiel

COLLECTION TEAM

Sunday, November 26

David Leiker, Tony Staley, Glenn Stramel, Randy Werth

Sunday, December 3

Jason Carter, Jerry Gross, Wilbert Gross, Brandon Zimmerman

TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

Sunday, November 26	Aaron & Kolleen Dome
Sunday, December 3	Ken & Peggy Richmeier
Sunday, December 10	Ernie & Lilly Binder
Sunday, December 17	Mark & Dora Leiker

Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure

Envelopes	\$1,896.00
Loose	\$118.00
Total	\$2,014.00



FROM THE DESK OF FATHER DAMIAN

Nicholas saves the Innocent Soldiers

There is a picture of St. Nicholas in the office entrance at St. Nicholas Church. It is a picture of Nicholas stopping the execution of three soldiers.

This is the story of this picture:

Two men, Eudoxes and Simonides, had been taking advantage of a time of civil unrest to loot and steal from their neighbors. With suspicions closing in on them, they decided they needed a scapegoat. They found three innocent soldiers who were in the wrong place at the wrong time.

So, they turned those soldiers over to the Governor. And to make sure those soldiers were blamed for what Eudoxes and Simonides had done, they bribed the Governor with 200 pieces of gold.

When Nicholas heard of the arrest, he was suspicious. He knew the generals who were in command of the troops and that they insisted on good order from their soldiers. He also knew the Governor's reputation for corruption and his love of money. So, Nicholas decided to go speak to the Governor. While in route to speak to the Governor, Nicholas heard that the convicts had already been moved to "the place of the beheadings."

The concerned bishop ran to the execution site. He burst in to find the condemned men on their knees, hands tied behind their backs, and faces covered with linen cloths. The men had resigned themselves to their fate and had given themselves up for dead. Nicholas forced his way through the crowd, yanked the sword from the executioner, and threw it to the ground. He untied the prisoners' hands and set them free. Then he marched off to find the governor to chastise him for his miscarriage of justice-condemning innocent citizens without a proper trial.

Nicholas "broke down the door" to the Governor's Palace, demanding to see the governor. The Governor tried to suck up to Nicholas. He greeted Nicholas with deference and compliments. Bishop Nicholas was not amused; he stopped the governor in mid-sentence and accused him of being a "thief" and an "enemy of God," calling him "sacrilegious and bloodthirsty and unjust."

Nicholas got offended by the Governor's courtesy to him: "And you even dare to come before me, you who do not fear God! You who had the cruel intention to kill innocent people! Since you committed this kind of wickedness, I cannot have any respect for you. God is reserving for the unjust a tortured life. The most pious emperor knows your faults. He knows how your government works and how this province allows looting and killing men against the law and without trial for deadly greed and gain."

The Governor wilted under the assault. He fell to his knees and begged pardon. He admitted guilt but then added that two leading citizens, Eudoxius and Simonides, were the ones most to blame. "They made the accusations against the men," said the Governor. "Don't blame me."

Nicholas would not be fooled or distracted. "What did they pay you to do this atrocity?" Nicholas asked the Governor. The governor admitted he had accepted a bribe of two hundred pieces of gold before he arrested those soldiers. Nicholas told him, "It was not love of Justice, but love of money

that made you commit these atrocities."

The soldiers were pardoned and released.

Eudoxious and Simonides, the two men who started it all, were arrested.

In the end, Nicholas prayed a long prayer and pardoned the guilty governor.

What does this story tell us about Nicholas? Nicholas defended the innocent. He freed the captives. He challenged the government when the government was doing something wrong. He also forgave those who had done wrong. With Saint Nicholas as your patron, know that St. Nicholas will fight for you.

Here is the difference between a saint and everyone else. When most people see something going wrong, they say "What a shame. Somebody ought to do something." When a saint sees something going wrong, they say, "What a shame. I'm going to do something."

That's what St. Nicholas did with those three innocent soldiers. We need to imitate the example of St. Nicholas.

Religious Education: Wednesday, 6:30 pm.

Coffee, rolls and conversation following Mass next Sunday hosted by the Christian Mothers.

Christian Mothers: Newly elected officers: Jane Younger remains president; Amy Pfannenstiel VP, Tina Waddell Secretary/Treasurer.



MANGER BABY BLESSING! There will be a Manger Baby Blessing next Sunday, December 3rd. Parishioners are encouraged to bring the Baby Jesus from the nativity/manger scene at their homes and place them on a table near the sanctuary. The Blessing will take place after the Petitions/General Intercessions. Baby Jesus's can then be picked up by families to take back home with them at the conclusion of Mass



2024 CALENDARS are available at the entrances. Please extend a thank you to Hyle and Ann Huginin, Hays Memorial Chapel for making these calendars available.

Pictorial Directory: Plans are to have a pictorial directory done for our parish. In order for this to happen, volunteers are needed to work through this process. If you are interested, please contact Lilly 785-623-8000.



2024 Mass Intentions are now being accepted.

Please limit to 3 requests.

Stipends \$10.00 per Mass.

Contact Lilly to schedule ~ 785-623-8000

Family Perspective ...Bud Ozar

Families feed the hungry, give drinks to thirsty toddlers and welcome strangers and even estranged relatives into our homes. We clothe children and visit family members who are sick and imprisoned. The routine actions of family life are religious and priestly for we make Christ present in what we do. Family life is Beatitude



Larry Roda, Kenny Pfannenstiel, Carol Legleiter, Special Intentions, Becky Robben, Maya Gottschalk, 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.

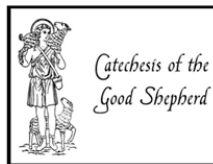
Please let Lilly know when the intention can be removed.

EVENTS IN THE HEARTLAND

Soup Luncheon and Bingo sponsored by the Gorham Community Development Association will be on Nov. 26, at 11am, at the Gorham Senior Center. Santa will arrive at 12pm and bingo will follow! \$8 per person, 5 and under free. \$13 per quart, Cinnamon Rolls \$3 each. Green Bean & Dumpling, Chicken & Noodle, Chili, Cinnamon Rolls, Coffee & Hot Cocoa. Carry out available. Photos with Santa!!

STARS and STRIPES BREAKFAST at the VFW, 22nd and Vine St, Dec. 10, from 7:30am to noon. Advance tickets sold benefits the St. Nicholas Ladies Guild. For tickets contact Clare Gustin at 785-635-3511. Advance tickets are \$11.50 for Adults, \$6.50 for Children, under 5 are Free.

Perpetual Adoration Chapel openings: Wednesday, at 2am; and Thursday, at 1am. Contact Geri Rupp 785-639-5588.



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd came to the Hays Community this school year. The Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary brought materials to set up an atrium for the Catholic school community. An atrium is a prepared environment for children and adults, in which work and study spontaneously become meditation, contemplation, and prayer. It is like a retreat house that offers a space to ponder the meaning of Scripture and the Liturgy. The atrium is named after the entryway into the church building in the early Church, where new converts learned about Christ and the Christian faith. The atrium is a place in which the only Teacher is Christ; both children and adults place themselves in a listening stance before his Word and seek to penetrate the mystery of the liturgical celebration. Materials, which are handmade, are used to present a theme to the child, who is free to choose an activity that will make possible the inner dialogue with the "Interior Teacher." The atrium is a place for nurturing the religious life of children rather than a classroom for instruction. It is a place of meaningful work through which the child can have a conversation with God. For more information, visit cgsusa.org.

BIBLE REFLECTION ~ STEWARDSHIP GOAL

"...whatever you did for one of the least of my brothers, you did for me." – MATTHEW 25:40

Most of us are generous when it's convenient for us. We are generous when we have the time or the money. But, real generosity is the opposite of that. It means giving of one's time, money, compassion, forgiveness or mercy when it's not convenient to us, when it's not on our schedule, but on the other person's timeline.

His Mercy Endures Forever

2023 Fall
Care-a-Thon
Nov. 28 -
Dec. 1



Divine
Mercy
RADIO

"His Mercy Endures Forever"

Tune into Divine Mercy Radio's fall care-a-thon November 28 – December 1.

Tuesday, November 28

8 am – Fr. Fred Gatschet
9 am – George Toman
12 pm – Cody Marintzer
2 pm – Fr. Damian Richards
5 pm – Rick Binder

Wednesday, November 29

2 pm – Mandy Meagher
4 pm – Christian Lutz & Cory Munsch

Thursday, November 30

7 am – Bill Meagher
9 am – Fr. Gale Hammerschmidt
4 pm – Sr. John Marie & Sr. Mary Agnes

Friday, December 1

8 am – Kelton & Jill Stecklein
10 am – Bishop Gerald Vincke
4 pm – Scott & Clare Stramel

Full schedule at dvmercy.com. For trivia and pledges call 785.621.4110. Listen on radio, computer, phone app or Alexa. Live on Rumble, Facebook and YouTube.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Mandy Meagher Principal
(785) 625-3131

- Nov 27 Advisory Council Mtg 5:15
- Dec 1 Hearing Screenings
First Friday Prayer Circles
- Dec 4 Christmas Program KP-5th 7:00 pm
- Dec 6 Arby's HFE Fundraising Night
- Dec 7 June Birthday Mass & Lunch



THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN

Chad Meitner, Principal

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

- Nov 29 9am-1pm HS Student Leadership Retreat
- Nov 30 Hays City Shootout Begins

MONARCH FOR A DAY
OPEN TO ANY 5TH - 8TH GRADER

Come join us for the day to learn what the school has to offer! Lunch included and transportation provided upon request.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5TH
8:00 A.M. - NOON
THOMAS MORE PREP MARIAN

FREE STUDENT ADMISSION & POPCORN
TMP-M VS SALINA SACRED HEART
BASKETBALL GAME THAT EVENING STARTING AT
4:30 P.M.

To register please contact Melissa Schoepf
schoepfm@tmpmarian.org
(785)625-6577

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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.

2023 - Advent/Christmas Schedule - 2024

Our Lady Help of Christians - Antonino
St. Anthony - Schoenchen
St. Catherine - Catharine

St. Joseph - Hays
Immaculate Heart of Mary - Hays
St. Nicholas of Myra - Hays

St. Francis of Assisi - Munjor
Comeau Catholic Campus Center

December 3, 2023 - First Sunday of Advent

December 5, 2023 - (Tues.)

St. Nicholas - Advent Adoration w/music and Conf., 7:00pm

December 6, 2023 - (Wed.)

St. Joseph - Special Mass in Honor of St. Nicholas, 7:00pm

December 7, 2023 - (Thur.), Vigil-Immaculate Conception

IHM - 5:30pm English / 7:30pm Spanish

St. Joseph - 5:30pm

St. Nicholas - 6:00pm

St. Nicholas - Eucharistic Video & Discussion, 7:00pm

December 8, 2023, (Fri.), Immaculate Conception

Comeau Catholic Campus Center - 7:30am

IHM - 6:45am / 5:30pm both English

Munjor - 6:00pm

St. Catharine - 7:00pm

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

St. Nicholas - 12:15pm

December 10, 2023 - Second Sunday of Advent

IHM - Communal Penance 2:30pm

December 11, 2023 - (Mon.)

Munjor - Communal Penance Service 6:00pm

December 12, 2023 - (Tues.), Our Lady of Guadalupe

IHM - 5:00am Danza, 5:30am Mananitas

IHM - 5:30pm Danza and Mass (Misa) at 6:30pm with Fiesta
Following in the HFE Activity Center.

St. Nicholas - Advent Adoration w/music and Conf., 7:00pm

December 14, 2023 - (Thurs.)

St. Nicholas - Eucharistic Video & Discussion, 7:00pm

December 16, 2023 - (Sat.)

IHM - Posadas at 7:00pm in Church

St. Joseph - Anointing of the Sick following 6:00pm Mass

December 17, 2023 - Third Sunday of Advent

IHM - Posadas at 7:30pm in the Church

St. Joseph - Anointing of the Sick following both Masses

St. Joseph - Communal Penance Service 3:00pm

December 18, 2023 - (Mon.)

IHM - Posadas at 7:00pm in Church

December 19, 2023 - (Tues.)

IHM - Posadas at 7:00pm in Church

St. Nicholas - Advent Adoration w/music and Conf., 7:00pm

December 20, 2023 - (Wed.)

IHM - Posadas at 7:00pm in Church

December 21, 2023 - (Thur.)

IHM - Posadas at 7:00pm in Church

St. Joseph - Adoration 7:00am - 7:00pm

St. Nicholas - Eucharistic Video & Discussion, 7:00pm

December 22, 2023 - (Fri.)

IHM - Posadas at 7:00pm in Church

December 23, 2023 - (Sat.)

IHM - Posadas at 7:00pm in Church

December 24, 2023 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

IHM - No 5:00pm Confessions, No 6:00pm Mass

December 24, 2023 - (Sun.) Christmas Eve

Antonino - 4:00pm

CCC - 9:00am Mass, **NO 6:00pm Mass**

IHM - 4:00pm and 10:00pm (Bilingual)

Munjor - 7:00pm

Schoenchen - 6:00pm

St. Joseph - 5:00pm, 11:30pm Choir Music, Mass at Midnight

St. Nicholas - 5:00pm

December 25, 2023 - (Mon.) Christmas Day

CCC - 9:00am only

IHM - 9:00am & 12:00pm (Spanish)

St. Catharine - 9:00am

St. Joseph - 7:30am, 10:30am

St. Nicholas - 9:30am

December 26, 2023 - (Tues.)

IHM - No Masses

December 27, 2023 - (Wed.)

IHM - No Masses

December 31, 2023, (Sun.) Vigil - Solemnity of Mary

St. Joseph - 5:00pm

January 1, 2024, (Mon.) Solemnity of Mary

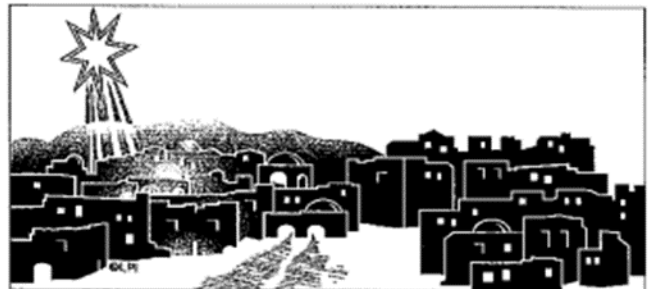
CCC - **NO MASS**

IHM - 6:45am & 5:30pm English (No Vigil Masses)

Munjor - 8:00am

St. Joseph - 8:00am, 10:00am

St. Nicholas - 9:30am



35th ANNUAL NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE

In conjunction with the Feast of the Immaculate Conception

"And the Word was made flesh and dwelt
amongst us."

~ John 1:14

Scripture tells us that as soon as the Holy
Spirit overshadowed the virginal womb, God
became one of the human family
immediately.

In a like manner, when a child is conceived in
his mother's womb, he becomes one of us.
This little human being now dwells among
us.

That the world may understand this truth, we
invite you to come pray with us as we unite
our prayers and petitions with people across
the country, in cathedrals, churches and
chapels, highlighting Eucharistic Adoration
and the Rosary.



St. Joseph Church
Friday, December 8, 2023
Holy Day Mass at 7:00 p.m.
Night of Prayer 8:00 P.M. - MIDNIGHT

Join us for prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament

“Can you not spend at least one hour with me?”

This is a Heartland Parishes of Ellis County Event

For Additional Information Contact the Parish Office at 785-625-7356.