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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, June 1, 2025 ~ The Ascension of the Lord

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. June 1	8:00 am	L/D Norbert & Betty Leiker family
Wed. June 4	7:30 am	L/D Marvin & Mary Jo Braun family
Sun. June 8	8:00 am	+Virgil Pfannenstiel
Wed. June 11	7:30 am	L/D Alan & Juanita Stecklein family

SERVERS

Sun June 1	Cali Richmeier & Rafe Richmeier
Sun June 8	Ahnalyn Leiker & Trenton Staley

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sun June 1	Jenalyn L, Lauren M, Amy P, Josh W.
Sun June 8	John M, Ken R, Tony S, Michelle W.

LECTORS

OFFERTORY GIFTS

Sun June 1	Tina Waddell	Jason & Rose Carter
Sun June 8	Lilly Binder	Brandon & Brandi Z.

GREETERS

Sun June 1	Jason & Kacy Gerstner
Sun June 8	Jerry & Sylvia Gross

COLLECTION TEAM

Sunday, June 1

Ken Richmeier, Rich Ruder, Blake Spencer,
Brandon Zimmerman

Sunday, June 8

Ernie Binder, Francis Leiker, Rexton Leiker, Josh Waddell

Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure

Envelopes	\$2,026.00
Loose	\$65.00
Total	\$2,091.00



FROM THE DESK OF CODY MARINTZER

Today, we celebrate the Ascension of our Lord!

In the first reading, as the Apostles are watching Jesus ascend, two men dressed in white appear and ask them “why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven.” I think they do this to remind them that as awesome as this moment is, there is work to be done. I am sure I would have been just as amazed as the Apostles and would have also wanted to hold on to that moment as long as possible. This reminds me of Jesus’ Transfiguration where Peter says “Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” Peter seems to want to hold on to this moment and I can’t blame him for that. Once again, I think I would have reacted in much the same way. However, God always has something greater planned.

As wonderful as it would have been for Peter, James and John to stay with Jesus, Elijah and Moses on the hilltop, at some point it had to end or the world would not have been able to enjoy the Salvation won by Christ. At some point the Apostles had to take their eyes off of the clouds and start proclaiming the Gospel. Without this, the rest of the world would be left spiritually impoverished.

We should thank God for our mountaintop experiences and let them fill us with a sense of awe toward Him, but we can’t live perpetually in those moments. This world is passing by and only in heaven will we be able to rest in eternal bliss with God. Christ will come again, but it is up to us to get our boots dirty and put in the work so that when He comes, we will have brought as many people with us to enjoy eternal life with our Lord.

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We will have election of Pastoral Council Members at Mass next Sunday, June 8th.

#### Grinnell Tornado Disaster Relief: How You Can Help

Special collection next Sunday, June 8th to provide relief for the tornado victims of Grinnell, KS. Mark your donation “Grinnell”.

*The Salina Diocese will utilize the Catholic Charities Disaster Relief Fund. The fund is locally held with the Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas and only available for use in the Diocese of Salina. These funds go straight to helping these families whether that’s through supplies, housing support, or other critical needs.*

**Statement from the Catholic Diocese of Salina  
Regarding the Sale of Via Christi Hays to Recovery Care**

The Catholic Diocese of Salina is aware of the recent sale of Via Christi Hays to Recovery Care and the questions this transition has raised, particularly regarding the chapel's sacred space and the sacramentals present within it.

We want to assure our faithful that we are actively engaged in conversations with Recovery Care are working toward a formal agreement allowing the chapel, including the Altar, Tabernacle, Crucifix, and other sacramentals currently housed there, to remain in place. It is our sincere hope that this sacred space will continue to serve as a place of prayer, peace, and the celebration of the Mass for years to come.

We are grateful to Ascension Via Christi for establishing a strong and enduring Catholic identity at the facility over the years. Their commitment to faith and spiritual care has made a lasting impact on the residents and community.

We also deeply appreciate Recovery Care's openness and willingness to preserve that Catholic presence. They have been excellent to work with and have expressed strong support for maintaining the Chapel and continuing to offer Mass. While we understand concerns about changes that can occur during transitions like this, we are optimistic that with mutual understanding and goodwill, we can establish a clear agreement that ensures a continued future for the Chapel and the continuation of spiritual care.

We will keep the community informed as these conversations progress and remain committed to supporting the ongoing faith life of the residents and families served at this location.

**Family Perspective ...Bud Ozar**

Jesus speaks of unity, not uniformity. With uniformity everything is the same. Unity requires recognition and reconciliation of differences. How do you reconcile differences in your home? Do you listen respectfully or do you try to manipulate or impose your opinion? The seeds of unity and division are in every family. What we sow, we reap. What is your family harvest?

**Bible Reflection ~ Stewardship Goal**

*"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." (REVELATIONS 22:13)*

This is a reminder of how we should live our lives 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – putting God first in all that we do. Not only when I am at Mass and parish activities, but when I am in the world, at work, or at school. Living gratefully and generously is an intentional lifestyle. Every decision you make either moves you closer to God or farther away. Choose wisely!

**EVENTS IN THE HEARTLAND**



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- FOR ALL ACTIVE & RETIRED RESPONDERS AND THEIR FAMILIES
- EAST FRONTIER PARK
- SERVING HAMBURGERS, HOT DOGS, BRATS & REFRESHMENTS
- IN CASE OF BAD WEATHER EVENT WILL BE MOVED TO IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH ACTIVITY CENTER
- PRINTING DONATED BY NORTHWESTERN PRINTERS

**Fr. Daryl's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration** is Sunday, June 8 at St. Boniface Church in Tipton. 4pm Mass  
5:30pm Dinner in the Tipton Community Center  
7 to 9pm Music and Dancing

I hope you can all make it. I look forward to seeing you all there.

*May God bless you,  
Fr. Daryl Omstead*

**Immaculate Heart of Mary Monthly Breakfast** Bring your Fathers to Breakfast! When: Father's Day, Sunday, June 15. Time : 8:30 AM till 12:00 PM Where: IHM Parish Hall Free Will Offering Items For Your Tastebuds: Scrambled Eggs - Sausage - Bacon Hash Browns - Biscuits & Gravy. All Invited for food and fellowship! Breakfast assisted by volunteers from the Hays CYO and Jr. CYO. Proceeds go to Hays CYO & Jr. CYO and IHM Parish.

**Heartland Parish Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession**  
Sponsored by Immaculate Heart of Mary - Sunday, June 22 at 3:00 p.m.

All the faithful are invited to come and process with Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

*O Sacrament most Holy, O Sacrament Divine,  
All praise and all thanksgiving, Be every moment Thine!*

### Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel Openings

Sunday 12:00PM Wednesday 3:00PM Thursday 3:00AM  
Saturday 3:00PM Saturday 1:00PM Needs Second Adorer

If you have any questions, you can contact Brian or Michelle DeWitt at 785-625-2481 or by emailing [haysadorationchapel@outlook.com](mailto:haysadorationchapel@outlook.com). Archangel's Name, Hours and Phone Number Brian & Michelle DeWitt (12:00AM-6:00AM) 625-2481 Yvonne Demuth (12:00PM-6:00PM) 259-0650 Lorraine Brungardt (6:00AM-12:00PM) 625-3021 Geri Rupp (6:00PM-12:00AM) 639-5588



Amy Moeder, Amber Lacewell, Mike Suppes, 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.

*faith*  
OVER  
*fear*



"Almighty God, we thank you for the Ascension of your Son, Jesus Christ. Through his death and resurrection, he has opened the way to eternal life. We rejoice in the victory he has won for us and in his reign in heaven. Grant us grace to live in his love and follow his example, that we may one day share in his joy. Amen."

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### CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



#### HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Mandy Meagher Principal

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May 16 - Aug 18 Summer Break! *Enjoy your Summer!*

May 26 - 30 Office Closed - Memorial Day Week

June - July Summer Office Hours  
Tues - Thurs 8:00 - 1:00



#### THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN

Chad Meitner, Principal

Melissa Schoepf, Jr. High Assistant Principal

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Katie Hamel is writing an article for an upcoming issue of **FAITH** magazine featuring advice from the older generations to the younger generations (middle/high/ college aged). If you are interested in contributing, please email your answers to the below questions to [KatieHamelWriting@gmail.com](mailto:KatieHamelWriting@gmail.com) by June 15, 2025.

1. What is something from your childhood you wish young people still did today? (ex. Spent time outside, stayed offline, knew how to dance, etc.)
2. Looking back, what three things in your life contributed to your ultimate happiness?
3. What lesson do you hope young people learn from your example?
4. If you could live your life over as a spouse/parent/employee/friend/etc. is there anything you would do differently?
5. Any advice on marriage? Dating? Friendships?
6. What are some concerns you have for the younger generations and what advice do you have to overcome them?
7. What do you think a person's top three choices in life consist of?

#### 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.*