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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 - By appointment after completion of required pre-Baptism instructions.

MARRIAGES - Couples anticipating marriage must contact Pastor at least six months before intended date of marriage.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Holy Family Elementary

785-625-3131

www/hfehays.org

Thomas More Prep-Marian

785-625-6577

www.tmp-m.org

Sunday, August 17, 2025 ~ Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun Aug 17	8:00 am	L/D Herman & Rosie Leiker family
Wed Aug 20	7:30 am	L/D Gilbert & Gloria Leiker family
Sun Aug 24	8:00 am	L/D Wilbert Gross family
Wed Aug 27	7:30 am	L/D Norbert & Betty Leiker family

SERVERS

Sun Aug 17	Hayley Gerstner & Trenton Staley
Sun Aug 24	Jacob Leiker & Logan Leiker

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sun Aug 17	Nathan L, Lauren M, Wendy R, Tony S.
Sun Aug 24	John M, Ken R, Peggy R, Michelle W.

LECTORS

OFFERTORY GIFTS

Sun Aug 17	John Moeder	Rich & Sherri Ruder
Sun Aug 24	Nathan Leiker	Tony & Patty Rohr

GREETERS

Sun Aug 17	John & Natalie Oborny
Sun Aug 24	Brian Pfannenstiel

COLLECTION TEAM

Sunday, August 17

Aaron Dome, Wilbert Gross, Brian Pfannenstiel, Tony Rohr

Sunday, August 24

Ernie Binder, Blake Spencer, Tony Staley, Brandon Zimmerman

Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure

Envelopes	\$1,441.00
Loose	\$60.00
Total	\$1,501.00



FROM THE DESK OF FATHER DAMIAN

July Work Schedule:

Monday: 7:00am Mass
 Tuesday: 7:00 am Mass
 Wednesday: 7:30 am Mass in Munjor; 1:30 pm Mass at Homestead
 Thursday: 7:00 am Mass
 Friday: 7:00 am Mass
 Saturday: 4:00 Confessions; 5:00 Mass
 Sunday: 7:30 am Munjor Confessions; 8:00 am Munjor Mass; 9:00 am Confessions; 9:30 am Mass; 10:30 am Confessions; 11:00 am Mass

Confessions: 70 (went 7/3; 7/7; 7/23; 7/26)

Anointing of the Sick: 46

Holy Hours: 27

Days Fast/Abstain: 14

Viaticum/Prayers for the Dead/Apostolic Pardon: 4

Visits: 4

Baptisms: 1

Four-for-Seven on Sacraments--Mass, Confessions, Anointing, Baptism

7/3-7/7 Denver Comic-Con

Concelebrated Masses at Holy Ghost Church in

Denver

7/7 Plainville Parish Council

7/8 Hospital Visits

7/9 Hospital Visits

ECMA Lunch at Breathe

7/10 Lunch in Victoria

Jail visit

7/11-12 Went to Wichita to see "Crazy for You"

7/14 Stockton Parish Council

7/15 Hospital Visits

Munjor Parish Council

7/16 Hospital Visits

Heartland Pastors' Meeting

7/17 Finance Council Meeting

Discussed "Frankenstein" at Great Books Discussion

Group at Hays Public Library

7/19 Dinner with Totus Tuus Team

7/21 Lunch at Totus Tuus

7/22 Hospital Visits

Lunch at Totus Tuus

7/23 Hospital Visits

Adoration at Totus Tuus

7/24 Hospital Visit

Totus Tuus Confessions, Mass & Lunch

Totus Tuus Pot-luck

Fr. Reggie's Presentation on Fr. Valentine at Hays Public Library

7/25 Saw "Mamma Mia"

7/26 Blessed Cars after Mass

Baptized Maverick O'Reagan

7/27-29 My brother came to visit
7/29 Hospital Visits
7/30 Hospital Visits
7/31 Lunch at Victoria
TMP/HFE Finance Committee Meeting
Seminarian Dinner

Saw "Crazy For You"
Saw "Mamma Mia"
Read "Thomas in India"
Read "Civilization and Its Discontents"
Read "Heir to the Empire"
Studied Hebrew for the Summer
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**Anointing of the Sick** will be administered after Mass this morning.

**Automated External Defibrillator (AED).** The Ellis County Rural Fire Department #9 has donated this device to our parish. There will be training for anyone interested in learning how to use it following Mass this morning.

**Mission COOP Speaker Next Sunday, August 24th.**

*Ad Gentes Missionaries* is a religious community of priests, brothers, and sisters devoted to grassroots missionary work as agents of evangelization in both rural and urban areas. Founded on June 1, 2003, by Rev. Vitalis Anyanike, the institute is committed to the holistic development of people, communities, and cultures.

Our missionaries serve as beacons of hope amid human suffering—responding to the deep needs of those affected by misery, loneliness, violence, and hunger, which often impact children, women, and the elderly the most.

We are dedicated to the integral development of the human person, addressing both spiritual and material needs. Through ministries in education, healthcare, counseling, youth empowerment, and community development, we support those on the margins of society—especially immigrants, displaced persons, and refugees. We also stand in solidarity with Christian minorities living in predominantly Islamic regions, offering accompaniment and pastoral care.

**Bible Reflection ~ Stewardship Goal**

*"Do you think I have come to give you peace on Earth? No, I tell you, but rather division." LUKE 12:51*

Many of us like to play it safe, not cause waves with our family and friends, especially when it comes to politics and religion. We don't want to cause any turmoil. However, many times this is at the expense of the truth. The truth being Jesus Christ. Too many people are misguided because they rely on their own limited human ability to reason and are not allowing faith in God to guide them. Form your conscience; take a stance for life, marriage, and religious liberty.

**EVENTS IN THE HEARTLAND**

**Is there something tugging on your heart calling you to deeper faith in Jesus Christ through discipleship in the Catholic Church?** In your mind are there questions about the Catholic Church and what it believes? Then join us on a journey of faith through O.C.I.A... the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults. The O.C.I.A process begins Thursday, Sept. 4, at 6:30pm, in the parish activity center. Through prayer, study, and works of charity, God may be calling you to the Sacrament of Baptism or full communion in the Catholic Church. For more information about this process, contact Deacon Steve at [urbs57@gmail.com](mailto:urbs57@gmail.com) or call 785.650.2931



**Immaculate Heart of Mary  
Monthly Breakfast**

**When:** Sunday, August 17, 2025

**Time:** 8:30 AM till 12:00 PM

**Where:** IHM Parish Hall

**Free Will Offering**

*All invited for food and fellowship!*

Breakfast assisted by volunteers from the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Council and Finance Council. Proceeds go to Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish.

**The St. Mary's Knights of Columbus Council & Bishop Cunningham Assembly** will be having a combined **Family Picnic** on Sunday, Aug. 24, from 5 to 7pm, in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Hall in the church basement. The Knights will be providing the chicken and drinks. We ask that members please bring a side dish or dessert. All members and their families are welcome to attend this annual event.



Janell Herrmann, Amy Moeder, Amber Lacewell, 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.*

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Today's readings set a high bar for us Christian stewards, reminding us that a stewardship way of life is meant to be a challenging way of life.

In the second reading, from the Letter to the Hebrews, we are told to live as Christ lived. And how did Christ live? "For the sake of the joy that lay before Him He endured the cross." If we are tempted to complain about the sufferings we must endure in living as Christ's disciples, we are told, "In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood." In other words, "If you're not bleeding, what are you complaining about?" That is quite a high bar!

The Gospel reading from Luke continues this challenging theme. Our Lord tells His disciples "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing." A couple of verses later Jesus adds, "Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division."

Jesus's life on this earth and the message He brought were not meant to simply make us feel good. In fact, His words can make us downright uncomfortable at times. That's because His Good News (and it is indeed good news!) is meant to change us, to make saints of us.

The stewardship way of life sets a high bar indeed. But deeply embraced, this way of life focused on God and others will make us the saints we are called to be.

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## CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



## HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Mandy Meagher Principal  
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Aug 19 First Day of School K-5, Half Day; dismissal at 11am. Opening School Mass, 8am, at IHM; school blessing to follow.

**Job Opening: Paraeducators** - Part-Time We're really in need of 2 part-time paraeducators for this school year! One para position will be for Preschool mornings only -- this would be a great opportunity for parents with kiddos all in school, or any other family member/ friend who would enjoy assisting the teachers in the mornings! This employee would help the teachers with supervision, classroom activities/projects, snack time, bathroom breaks, photocopying and other preparation duties as needed. This position is flexible but around 25-29 hours per week during the school year only and does not include benefits.

**Job Opening: After School Care Workers** - HFE is seeking After School Care workers for this school year! The employee would be needed from 3:00-5:30 p.m. on weekdays during the school year to supervise the students after school is dismissed. Duties include setting up, snack time, assisting with homework, playing games/reading with the children, supervising both indoors and on the playground, and clean-up. This would be ideal for college students or anyone else who may enjoy the part-time after-school hours. If you are interested in either position, please complete an application and bring it by the school office.



## THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN

Chad Meitner, Principal

Melissa Schoepf, Jr. High Assistant Principal  
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Aug 19 7:55am-1:10pm First Day of School. 8:10 to 9:10am Opening School Mass and Eucharistic Procession.

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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.*