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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. April 28	8:00 am	L/D David & Claudia Leiker family
Wed. May 1	7:30 am	L/D Arthur & Hattie Wagner family
Sun. May 5	8:00 am	L/D Martin Staab family
Wed. May 8	7:30 am	+Danny Pfannenstiel, Jr.

SERVERS

Sun April 28	Makailyn Leiker & Rexton Leiker
Sun May 5	Cali Richmeier & Rafe Richmeier

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sun April 28	Lilly B, Ken R, Peggy R, Tony S.
Sun May 5	Lauren M, Wendy R, Glenn S, Rhonda S.

LECTORS OFFERTORY GIFTS

Sun Apr 28	Gene Gottschalk	Josh & Tina Waddell
Sun May 5	Nathan Leiker	Sid & Joanne Steinert

GREETERS

Sun April 28	Brandon & Brandi Zimmerman
Sun May 5	Jessica & Luca Albers

COLLECTION TEAM

Sunday, April 28

Kyle Jones, Larry Koirth, John Moeder, Trenton Staley

Sunday, May 5

Rexton Leiker, Ken Richmeier, Josh Waddell, Randy Werth

TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

Sunday, April 28	Tony & Patty Rohr
Sunday, May 5	Aaron & Kolleen Dome
Sunday, May 12	Ken & Peggy Richmeier
Sunday, May 19	Mark & Dora Leiker

Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure

Envelopes	\$1,620.00
Loose	\$93.00
Total	\$1,713.00



FROM THE DESK OF CODY MARINTZER

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

The psalm that this line comes from is attributed to king David and there is a story in the second book of Samuel about him that I think highlights this praise of God. It is the story of David bringing the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem.

The Ark was the visible sign of God among His chosen people. It was a golden box with angels on the top which held the Ten Commandments (God's word), manna (the miraculous bread from heaven), and the staff of Aaron (a sign of the true priesthood). On the top between the two angels was a place called the mercy seat. This is where God's presence dwelt. Because God dwelt there and because He had commanded it, nobody was allowed to touch the Ark or they would perish (this does happen once, by the way). They had to carry it with poles like a king would have been carried on a palanquin.

As David and his men are bringing the Ark into Jerusalem, scripture says: *¹⁴And David danced before the Lord with all his might... ¹⁵So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the Lord with shouting, and with the sound of the horn. ¹⁶As the ark of the Lord came into the city of David, Michal the daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord; and she despised him in her heart.*

David (the king of the Israelites) is dancing and rejoicing before God and his wife is ashamed by his actions. Scripture continues by telling us: *²⁰And David returned to bless his household. But Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David, and said, "How the king of Israel honored himself today, uncovering himself today before the eyes of his servants' maids, as one of the vulgar fellows shamelessly uncovers himself!"*

So, how does David respond to his own wife (Michal) berating him for his open display of honoring God? *²¹And David said to Michal, "It was before the Lord, who chose me above your father, and above all his house, to appoint me as prince over Israel, the people of the Lord—and I will make merry before the Lord. ²²I will make myself yet more contemptible than this, and I will be abased in your eyes; but by the maids of whom you have spoken, by them I shall be held in honor."* Not only is he not phased by what his wife says, he tells her he will worship the Lord even more.

I wanted to cover this because like the Israelites had the Ark with God dwelling among them, we as Catholics have something no one else does. We have God really and truly dwelling among us in the Eucharist - Jesus, the Word of God, the True bread from Heaven, and the Eternal High Priest. The God of creation who no man could come into contact with or he would perish, now allows us to receive Him fully into ourselves. Spend some time contemplating this.

Finally, when it comes to worshipping God in the Eucharist, I am not saying we should be dancing up and down the aisles at Mass, but what I am saying is we need to ask ourselves how we are treating this most sacred gift. Are we afraid to sing at Mass, to say the responses, to spend time in Adoration for the fear of what others think? Or do we understand that our God has chosen to dwell among us and there is no greater response than to Worship Him in the Eucharist? Are we more concerned with the opinion of others, or are we centered on active and true participation in the Worship of God?

“Jesus, as you have given me all of yourself, help me to give you all of myself. Amen”

Religious Education: This past Wednesday was the last class for this school year. Thank you to the volunteer teachers who helped with our program this year.

Thank you
We would like to extend a special thank you to Joe Pfannenstiel who has decided to step down in his role as Director of Religious Education and teacher. Joe has served the youth in our parish for many years, teaching for thirteen years and was Director for eight years. We, as well as the youth of our parish were fortunate to have Joe serve in this capacity and are grateful for the years he dedicated to the faith formation of so many youth in our parish. *Thank you Joe for a job well done!*

2024 Annual Mission Cooperation

On Sunday May 12th, Fr. Lawrence E. Tucker from the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity (SOLT) will give a mission appeal at our parish. Serving in twelve countries including the United States, SOLT Missionaries bring hope and the love of Jesus and Mary to people living in impoverished conditions. They serve migrant farm workers, refugees, Native Americans, orphans, the elderly, families and those undergoing drug rehabilitation.

SOLT missionaries serve in parishes and schools giving the sacraments and teaching catechism in remote areas. They also care for the needs of the poor through community and family development projects such as clean water, food and medical care. Your generosity makes it possible for these missionaries to bring Christ to the poor.

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone who participated in our fish fry. We served over 400 meals and with the help of the 50-50 raffle were able to donate \$5,278.00 to the Salina Diocese Seminarian program. The winner of the raffle graciously donated their winnings back to the Seminarian Funds. Thanks also to everyone who helped with the fish fry.

EVENTS IN THE HEARTLAND



National Day of Prayer ~ May 2nd
Noon - 1:00 pm at the VFW Ballroom.
Let's come together as a nation to pray for our nation!

Adoration Under the Stars

MAY 3 8:30-10:00PM TMP GROTTO

FHSU Catholic Tigers, along with Bishop Vincke

will be hosting a night of Adoration, praise & worship music, & Confession under the stars

Bring a lawn chair or blanket and join us

MEMORIAL MASS REGISTRATION: Registration for the Memorial Mass for parents who have lost a child is now open! Masses will be held on May 7th at 2pm at St. Thomas More Parish in Manhattan and on May 8th at 2pm in Plainville. Please register for this event here on the diocese's website. <https://salinadiocese.org/events>

ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY (Hays) maintenance men will be preparing the cemetery for mowing and trimming. Please remove any items that are not attached to the monument in order for the staff to mow the cemetery. We ask that you pick up all items by Monday, May 13th. Thank you!



Larry Roda, Kenny Pfannenstiel, 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 Renewal Forms: To date 52% have been returned. **Do we have yours?** All parish families are asked to return them. Thank you if you have already done so.

What gifts of time, talent and treasure will you share?



“Come, Follow Me” Tune into Divine Mercy Radio’s spring care-a-thon April 30 – May 3 where we will learn what it means to be a follower of Jesus. 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.

Rachel’s Vineyard™ is a safe place to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Weekend retreats offer a supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment where women and men can reconcile past abortion pain and begin the process of restoration.

Next Retreat will be May 31-June 2.

1-877-447-4383

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BIBLE REFLECTION ~ STEWARDSHIP GOAL

“Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.” -1 JOHN 3:18

Regarding our Catholic faith, do you “walk the talk?” Do your actions reflect what it means to be a good disciple? Are you an active participant at Sunday Mass? Are you joyful when participating in parish ministry? Do you give gratefully and generously with your financial support to your parish and other Church needs? If not, it’s not too late to start!

PRAYER FOR MOISTURE: O God, our Creator, you are the source of all life. We pray to you who calms the raging waters and commands the wind, to provide us sufficient rain to quench our parched land. We pray for moisture that will sustain our crops and land. Help us always be good stewards of your creation and to care for the many resources of this earth. We ask for these blessings through the intercession of Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth. Amen

St. Isidore, Patron of Farmers and Farm Life—Pray for Us.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Mandy Meagher Principal

(785) 625-3131

- May 1 1st Gr. Field Trip—Fun Around Hays
3rd Grade—Pioneer Day
Pre-registration fee & School Stewardship Form due
- May 2 Teacher Appreciation Mass & Recognition
- May 3 First Friday Prayer Circles
Famous Figures County Wide Competition
PK4 Field Trip to Fire Station
May Crowning 2:30 pm



THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN

Chad Meitner, Principal

Melissa Schoepf, Jr. High Assistant Principal

(785) 625-6577

- May 1 Hearing Screenings
HS - Spring Concert/Awards night 6:30 pm
- May 3 8 am All School Mass in the Grotto
- May 4 HS Prom 7:30 - 10:30 pm

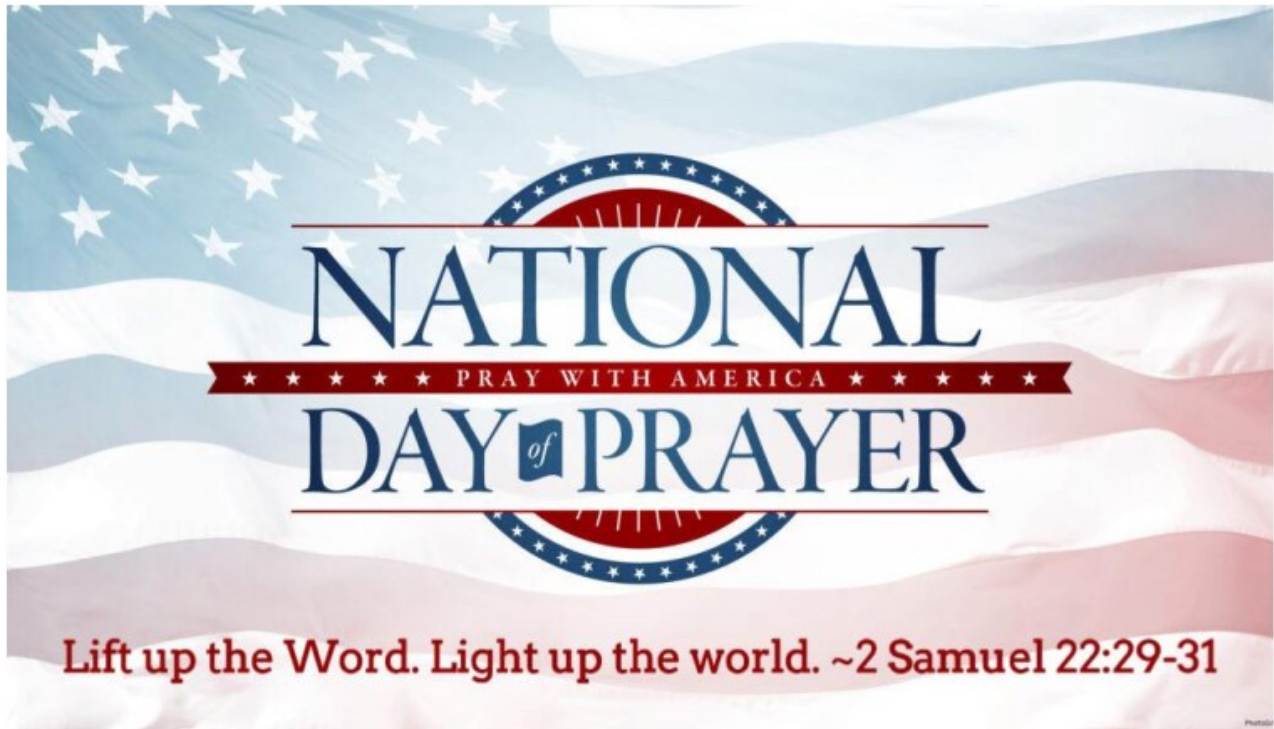
Family Perspective ...Bud Ozar

Like the vine grower in today’s gospel, parents must “prune and cleanse” the branches in their family if their children are going to be rooted. Discipline, limits and setting goals are a necessary part of parenting so our children will grow and “bear fruit.”

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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.



Date: Thursday May 2, 2024

Time: 12:00-1:00pm

Place: VFW Ballroom

2106 Vine St.

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