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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 19 8:00 am L/D Elmer & Aletha Hertel fam
 Wed. Nov 22 7:30 am L/D Tony & Wilma Seib family
 Sun. Nov 26 8:00 am Dec'd K of C Members
 Wed. Nov 29 7:30 am L/D Alois Staab family

SERVERS

Sunday, Nov 19 Rafe Richmeier & Trenton Staley
 Sunday, Nov 26 Makailyn Leiker & Rexton Leiker

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sun. Nov 19 Nathan L, Tony S, Rhonda S, Josh W.
 Sun. Nov 26 John M, Ken R, Peggy R, Tina W.

LECTORS OFFERTORY GIFTS

Sun. Nov 19 Natalie Oborny Hertel Family
 Sun. Nov 26 Brian Pfannenstiel Blake & Kenna Spencer

GREETERS

Sunday, Nov 19 John & Amy Moeder
 Sunday, Nov 26 John & Natalie Oborny

COLLECTION TEAM

Sunday, November 19

Donovan , Jeff, Ken Richmeier, Caleb Staley

Sunday, November 26

David Leiker, Tony Staley, Glenn Stramel, Randy Werth

TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

Sunday, November 19 Jeff & Wendy Richmeier
 Sunday, November 26 Aaron & Kolleen Dome
 Sunday, December 3 Ken & Peggy Richmeier
 Sunday, December 10 Ernie & Lilly Binder

Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure	
Envelopes	\$3,181.00
Loose	\$120.00
Total	\$3,301.00



FROM THE DESK OF FATHER DAMIAN

St. Nicholas Icon in St. Nick's Gathering Space.

In the Center is Jesus Christ, to Jesus' right is Mary and on the other side is St. Nicholas.

He is depicted as an Orthodox bishop, wearing the omophorion and holding a Gospel Book.

Sometimes he is depicted wearing the Eastern Orthodox mitre, sometimes he is bareheaded. He is bareheaded in our icon.

Iconographically, Nicholas is depicted as an elderly man with a short, full, white, fluffy beard and balding head.

He is usually shown as dark-skinned to emphasize his foreign origin.

The book is reverse-perspective. It gets bigger the farther away it is. That is because the Bible always has more things in it to look at.

Celebration of the Eucharistic Sacrifice.

By Cody Marintzer

Fr. Mike Schmitz's "Pray the Mass like never before." Please see St. Nick's Facebook page, or their parish website under "Headlines" for this week's excerpt from this talk. You may view the talk in its entirety by searching "Fr. Mike Schmitz: Pray the Mass like never before" on YouTube.

According to a pew research poll that surveyed over 10,000 people who were raised Catholic, 32 percent of them have left the faith. The highest amount (15 percent) left for a Protestant denomination. When asked why they joined their Protestant denomination, former Catholics most commonly cite enjoying the religious services and the style of worship of their new faith, with fully eight-in-ten expressing this point of view."

So, what does this have to do with the Mass, Worship and Sacrifice? Our culture lives on the constant need for stimulation. Anything that is not stimulating at the moment is to be rejected, or overcome with something that is. This means the maximization of pleasure is the dominant force in many people's lives and has spilled over into their faith lives. The largest group of people who left the Church did so not because they were reasoned out of it, but out of emotional enthusiasm to the other service, music, preacher, etc.

How does each one of us keep from becoming part of that number? First, we need to remind ourselves that Worship of God is not about finding the next emotional high. Next, we need to fall in love with Christ in the Eucharist and show all others that the most amazing thing in the history of man happens at every Mass. The God of the universe comes down and makes Himself physically present on the Altar! Could anything else be so breathtaking?!?

God created us and knows what will fulfill us. If we come seeking entertainment, the Mass will fall short, but the one who knows how to freely give of self will find fulfillment in the Sacrifice.

Christian Mothers ~ Meeting following Mass. New members will be installed at Mass this morning.

K of C meeting Monday, November 20th at 7:00 pm.

Religious Education: NO CLASS Wednesday. Thanksgiving break.

Be A Thanksgiver. In 1992, the Christian Churches of Ellis County formed a coalition to help better serve people seeking help from local churches. Thus "The Second Mile Fund" was created. Assistance may be food, medical help, emergency housing, fuel etc. Each November churches of Ellis County are encouraged to accept donations to help sustain this important fund. If you would like to make a donation, mark your check or envelope ECMA and drop in collection basket. All donations are greatly appreciated.



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

As the man in today's gospel entrusted his servants with his money, so God has 'entrusted' our family to us. Like the good servants we are expected, not to play it safe, but to selflessly and totally invest ourselves in each other, selflessly and totally invest ourselves in each other



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

Ellis County Ministerial Alliance - Thanksgiving Feast, Nov 23rd 11:00 - 1:00 pm. Kansas National Guard 200 Main St. Hays. Free meals must be reserved by November 6th. Reserve yours or to volunteer call 785-623-2800.



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.

*We don't need more to be thankful for.
We need to be more thankful.*



Happy Thanksgiving



Please consider giving a gift box this Christmas through Cross Catholic Outreach's box of joy program. This program serves poor children who not only lack many of the necessities in life, but also do not have the joy of receiving Christmas gifts. Our Bishop is part of the board for this program and speaks very highly of it.

What a simple and wonderful way to show the love of Christ to others. For more information, please see the display in the vestibule, or contact Cody Marintzer 785-628-1446

BIBLE REFLECTION ~ STEWARDSHIP GOAL

“Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you have been faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities.” - MATTHEW 25:21

God calls us to nurture and develop the gifts He has given us and then generously return a portion with increase. He doesn't want us to waste or hoard the gifts He has given us. He expects us to grow our gifts, to use them wisely, and to be generous with them. Unfortunately, many of us are not generous in proportion to all that God has given us. God asks us to be generous with all our gifts, especially the one that means the most to you.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Mandy Meagher Principal
(785) 625-3131

- Nov 22-24 NO SCHOOL—Thanksgiving Break
- Nov 27 Advisory Council Mtg 5:15
- Dec 1 Hearing Screenings
- First Friday Prayer Circles

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



THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN
Chad Meitner, Principal

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

- Nov 20 3:30—5:30 Finance Council Meeting
- Nov 21 8am—3 pm HS Class Retreats
- Nov 22-24 NO SCHOOL—Thanksgiving Break

The month of November is dedicated to the Souls in Purgatory, whose feast is celebrated on November 2. With the exception of the last two days, the entire month of November falls during the liturgical season known as Ordinary Time, represented by the liturgical color green. This symbol of hope is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection. It is used in the offices and Masses of Ordinary Time. The last portion of the liturgical year represents the time of our pilgrimage to heaven during which we hope for reward. The last Sunday, which marks the beginning of Advent, the liturgical color changes to purple, representing a time of penance.

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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.

ELLIS COUNTY MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE

THANKS GIVING

Feast



**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**
Call 785-623-2800

**23
NOV**

11:00AM - 1:00PM
FREE MEALS
(MUST BE RESERVED)

KANSAS NATIONAL GUARD

200 MAIN ST, HAYS, KS 67601

ALL MEALS MUST BE RESERVED
NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 6TH!

RESERVE YOURS BY:

785-623-2800 or

<https://signup.com/go/eCjbPxP>

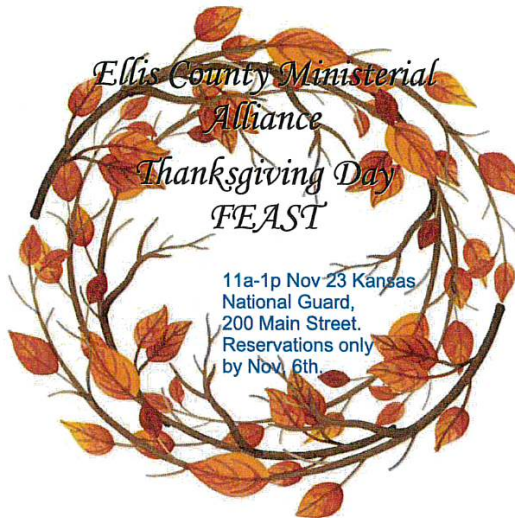
TRANSPORTATION WILL NOT BE PROVIDED.

SEND YOUR TAX-DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS TO
ECMA • P.O. BOX 173 • HAYS, KS 67601
PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT ECMA'S SECOND MILE FUND

Ellis Co. Ministerial Alliance

COLLECTION WILL TAKE PLACE NOVEMBER 11TH FROM 8A-4P AT HAYS WALMART AND BOTH DILLONS LOCATIONS! THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THOSE IN NEED!

The Ellis County Ministerial Alliance is currently taking food donations to distribute to families on Thanksgiving Day. Food will be distributed immediately following the Thanksgiving Day Feast.



Questions?

Call First Call for Help of Ellis
County

785-623-2800

Items Needed:

Dried pastas & canned sauces

Macaroni & cheese

Instant potatoes

Pancake/waffle mix & syrup

Canned soups

Ramen noodles

Canned meats

Canned Fruits

Canned vegetables

Cereal

Peanut Butter

Jelly

Boxed dinner mixes

Rice