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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. Feb 25	8:00 am	L/D Matt Staab family
Wed. Feb 28	7:30 am	L/D Francis & Mary Ann Legleiter family
Sun. Mar 3	8:00 am	+Aaron Pfannenstiel
Wed. Mar 6	7:30 am	+Rupert Pfannenstiel

SERVERS

Sun Feb 25	Cali Richmeier & Rafe Richmeier
Sun March 3	Jacob Leiker & Logan Leiker

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sun Feb 25	Wendy R, Glenn S, Rhonda S, Michelle W
Sun March 3	Nathan L, John M, Josh W, Tina W.

LECTORS OFFERTORY GIFTS

Sun Feb 25	Lauren Moeder	David & Claudia Leiker
Sun Mar 3	Natalie Oborny	Larry & Gloria Koirth

GREETERS

Sun Feb 25	Blake & Kenna Spencer
Sun March 3	Alan & Juanita Stecklein

COLLECTION TEAM

Sunday, February 25

Larry Koirth, Blake Leiker, Nathan Leiker, Gary Staab

Sunday, March 3

Wilbert Gross, David Leiker, Rexton Leiker, Trenton Staley

TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

Sunday, February 25	Ken & Peggy Richmeier
Sunday, March 3	Mark & Dora Leiker
Sunday, March 10	Ernie & Lilly Binder
Sunday, March 17	Herman & Rosie Leiker

Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure

Envelopes	\$1,581.00
Loose	\$196.00
Total	\$1,777.00



Mountaintop Experiences

A popular church hymn declares, "Glory and Praise to Our God, who alone gives light to our days. Many are the blessings He bears to those who trust in His ways". We can see the glory of God reflected in His many creations.

Have you ever seen the opening scene of the beloved classic, The Sound of Music? As a child I would always rush through it. There were no lines, just the sounds of birds and wind along panoramic views of the Swiss Alps. Why would anyone want to waste time looking at the greenery and high -pointed rocks, I would wonder to myself. Yet it is in the grand landscape of the mountains that God often manifests himself.

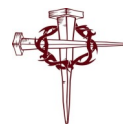
Whether it was where Elijah heard the quiet voice of God in a whisper, or where Moses spent forty days encompassed by loud thundering as he received God's covenant, mountains and other high places have often been special spots where we can come closer to God. Perhaps in all the Bible no one comes physically closer to observing God's glory than on Mount Tabor where Peter, James and John encounter the transfiguration of Christ. Here in a truly physical sense do the opening words of John's Gospel speak, "And the light shone in the darkness, and the darkness shall not overcome it."

This could not provide a more adequate visual for our human senses. He remained human and yet is, was and forever will be, Divine. He was radiant, so much more glorious than they had already come to understand while here on Earth. Let us reflect on and be thankful to God for revealing a first glimpse of Himself, using the senses of nature, whether through the greatest heights or the warmth of His everlasting light.

By Alexis Dallara-Marsh

Lenten Quotes

- Pope Francis: "God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy."
- Saint Catherine of Siena: "Nothing great is ever achieved without much enduring."
- Saint Rose of Lima: "Apart from the cross, there is no other ladder by which we may go to heaven."
- Saint Francis de Sales: "Have patience with all things, but first of all with yourself."
- Catherine of Genoa: "Lenten fasts make me feel better,
- Pope Francis: "During Lent, let us find concrete ways to overcome our indifference."
- Henri Nouwen: "O Lord, make this Lenten season different from the other ones. Let me find you again. Amen."
- Father Mike Schmitz: "Seek a relationship when you pray, not answers. You won't always find answers, but you will always find Jesus."



Religious Education: Wednesday Class 6:30 p.m.



Stations of the Cross & Rosary
Friday 6:00 pm
Volunteer servers appreciated!

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

Retreat offered for children dealing with grief. Registration is open for the Healing Kids' Hearts Retreat for children who have lost a loved one. The free event for children ages 6 to 12 will take place from 10am to 3pm, on Saturday, March 23, at the Hays Senior Center, 2450 E. Eighth St. Lunch will be provided. The retreat is sponsored by the Center for Life Experience in Hays. Laura Allen, executive director of the center, said adult volunteers are needed to help at the retreat. Registration for both children and volunteers is available by calling Allen at (785) 259-6859 or by emailing laura@cflhope.org.

BIBLE REFLECTION ~ STEWARDSHIP GOAL

"Here I am!" he answered. - Genesis 22:11

It is easy to say, "Here I am, Lord," when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say "Here I am, Lord," when a neighbor needs our help, or when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it's not convenient for us. Discipleship is not easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.



This weekend is in-pew weekend for the 2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal. For those of you who have already supported this year's appeal – thank you! If you have not yet given to the appeal but would like to, you can return your pledge card at any time in the offertory; mail it to Bishop's Annual Appeal, PO Box 1696, Salina KS 67402; or give online at appeal.salinadiocese.org. Through your gift, we can continue to support the mission of our diocese and ensure that members of our parish and diocese continue to encounter Christ.

QR Code where parishioners can make their gift online



appeal.salinadiocese.org

EVENTS IN THE HEARTLAND



First Friday Devotions: Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration in Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be held on Friday, March 1st at St. Joseph's Church from 12:00 to 1:00pm.

St. Mary's, Hays K of C Fish Fry Friday, March 1 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm in the Little Theater. All proceeds go to the Hays CYO for their programs.

Hospice Volunteer Training Wednesday, March 13th from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at Hays Med. Registration is due by March 1. 785-623-6200

MUNJOR K of C Fish Fry, Friday, March 22nd.

Watch for more details next week.

2024 Heartland Parishes Lenten Mission

Featuring Cy Kellet of Catholic Answers. Mission topics include The Cycle of Christian Life; Truly Human Lives; St. Peter, A Model for Christian Lives.

March 18, 19, 20 Hosted by St. Joseph Parish

The Daughters of Isabella, will have a food and craft bingo for the public on Sunday, March 17, starting at 1pm, in the IHM Activity Center. Everyone is invited for an afternoon of fun.

The D of I sponsors Bingo at the Heritage Bingo, 114 East 12th, Hays, Kansas. It is held the 1st, 3rd and 5th, Fridays, of each month.

Parish Job Opportunity – St. Joseph's, Hays

St. Joseph Parish is looking for a full-time Maintenance Supervisor. The person in this position manages operations and repair for the rectory, church campus, buildings, and cemeteries. The Supervisor oversees two team members.

Normal hours for this position are 7:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, with occasional night and weekend hours required. Applicants will be subject to a background check.

To request a full job description or to learn more about its accompanying salary and benefits, contact Ann Pfeifer, Parish Business Administrator, at 785-625-7356. You can email a resume to Ann directly at stjoffice@stjoehays.com or drop off a resume at 215 W. 13th Street, Hays. Priority deadline: Friday, March 15th. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.



Janett Copeland, Larry Roda, Kenny Pfan-
nenstiel, 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.

Lenten Retreat

*Walking in the Footsteps of St. Paul until Pente-
cost.* Join Father Reggie Urban at Heartland
Center for a mid-lent day of reflection. We will
take a reflective look at the 7 authentic letters of
St. Paul, using them as a guide for the rest of
Lent as well as the Easter season. Please bring your bible.
Saturday, March 2 9am to 4pm Facilitator: Fr Reggie Urban
\$50 (includes lunch at the Heartland Center for Spirituality
3600 Broadway Great Bend Ks. To register online
www.heartlandspirituality.org and click on upcoming retreats.
To register by phone or email contact Ann Axman at 620-
792-1232 or ann.axman@heartlandspirituality.org



Family Perspective ...Bud Ozar

The apostles thought they knew Jesus, but when he
changed in front of them at the Transfiguration, they were
“afraid.” In families we cannot freeze relationships because
change and growth are inevitable. Children grow up, par-
ents grow old and spouses change. Transfigurations are all
around us and within us. Relationships can only grow when
we embrace the new and let go of the old.

St. Joseph Sacred Heart Room Do you have statues,
palms, rosaries, prayerbooks, medals or relics that were
given to you or that were your parents’ and you just don’t
know what to do with them? Don’t throw them away! Bro-
ken rosaries will get repaired and find a new home, palms
and other non repairable items will be buried. Many items
will find a new home.



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CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Mandy Meagher Principal
(785) 625-3131

- Feb 26 Advisory Council Meeting 5:15
- March 1 End of Qtr 3
Stations of the Cross 2:35 in Gym
- March 4 No Bus Service
- March 5 Music Program KP-2nd @ TMP Fieldhouse 6:30



THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN
Chad Meitner, Principal

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

- Feb 27 8 am—11:30 ACT for Juniors
- Feb 28 NO SCHOOL - MCEL Music Festival at TMP
- Feb 29 9:45 NCK Rep in Learning Commons



Overcoming Hunger In Akwangagwel, Ugan-
da, the climate is very hot and dry. Farmers
in this region depend heavily on the rainy
season for a successful harvest. But lately—
due to the changing climate—the rain has been coming
later than it used to and is more inconsistent. Sometimes,
when it does rain, it causes flooding and ruins the crops.
Learn how Adolf and Florence have taken the matter into
their own hands, implementing new farming techniques
they learned from a Catholic Relief Services (CSR) program
to improve their farm and fight against hunger in their com-
munity.

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.*

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

Lent - Holy Week - Easter In the Heartland Parishes

Immaculate Heart of Mary - Hays
St. Nicholas of Myra - Hays
St. Francis of Assisi - Munjor
Comeau Catholic Campus Center

Wednesday, February 14, Ash Wednesday

Antonino - 7:00pm
Catharine - 7:00pm
Comeau Campus Center - 12:30pm & 5:45pm
IHM - 8:00am (HFE), 5:30pm English, 7:30pm Spanish
Munjor - 7:00pm
St. Joseph - 6:30am, 12:05pm, 7:00pm
St. Nicholas - 12:15pm & 5:30pm

Thursday, February 15

St. Nicholas - Lenten Discussion Series - 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Friday, February 16

IHM - Stations (HFE) 2:35pm, 7:00pm English, 8:00pm Spanish
St. Joseph - Soup Supper 5:00pm, Confessions 6pm, Stations 6:30pm
Munjor - Stations 6:00pm
St. Nicholas - Stations, Adoration & Confessions - 6:00pm

Wednesday, March 21

Catharine - Stations 6:00pm

Thursday, February 22

Schoenchen - Stations 7:00pm
St. Nicholas - Lenten Discussion Series - 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Friday, February 23

IHM - Stations 7:00pm English, 8:00pm Spanish
Munjor - Stations & Benediction 6:00pm
St. Joseph - Soup Supper 5:00pm, Confessions 6pm, Stations 6:30pm
St. Nicholas - Stations, Adoration, Confession - 6:00pm

Wednesday, February 28

Catharine - Stations 6:00pm

Thursday, February 29

Antonino - Stations - 7:00pm
St. Nicholas - Lenten Discussion Series - 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Friday, March 1

IHM - Stations - 2:35pm (HFE), 7:00pm, 8:00pm Spanish
Munjor - Stations 6:00pm
St. Joseph - Soup Supper 5:00pm, Confessions 6pm, Stations 6:30pm
St. Nicholas - Stations, Adoration, Confessions - 6:00pm

Saturday, March 2 - Sunday, March 3

IHM - Anointing of the Sick after all Masses

Tuesday, March 5

St. Joseph - FHSU Spring Concert 7:30pm

Wednesday, March 6

Catharine - Stations 6:00pm

Thursday, March 7

Schoenchen - Stations - 7:00pm
St. Nicholas - Lenten Discussion Series - 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Friday, March 8

IHM - Stations - 2:35pm (HFE), 7:00pm, 8:00pm Spanish
Munjor - Stations & Benediction 6:00pm
St. Joseph - Soup Supper 5:00pm, Confessions 6pm, Stations 6:30pm
St. Nicholas - Stations, Adoration, Confessions - 6:00pm

Sunday, March 10 - Third Sunday of Lent

IHM - Communal Penance Service - 2:30pm

Wednesday, March 13

Catharine - Stations 6:00pm

Thursday, March 14

Antonino - Stations - 7:00pm
St. Nicholas - Lenten Discussion Series - 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Friday, March 15

IHM - Stations - 7:00pm, 8:00pm Spanish
Munjor - Stations 6:00pm
St. Joseph - Soup Supper 5:00pm, Confessions 6pm, Stations 6:30pm
St. Nicholas - Stations, Adoration, Confession - 6:00pm

Sunday, March 17

St. Joseph - Communal Penance Service 3:00pm

Monday, March 18

Heartland Parishes' Mission at St. Joseph Parish - 7:00pm-8:30pm

Tuesday, March 19

St. Joseph - Mass in Honor of St. Joseph's Feast Day - 5:30pm
Heartland Parishes' Mission at St. Joseph Parish - 7:00pm-8:30pm

Wednesday, March 20

Catharine - Stations 6:00pm
Heartland Parishes' Mission at St. Joseph Parish - 7:00pm-8:30pm

Thursday, March 21

Schoenchen - Stations - 7:00pm
St. Nicholas - Lenten Discussion Series - 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Friday, March 22

IHM - HFE Living Stations - 2:15pm
IHM - Stations - 7:00pm, 8:00pm Spanish
Munjor - Stations & Benediction 6:00pm
St. Joseph - Soup Supper 5:00pm, Confessions 6pm, Stations 6:30pm
St. Nicholas - Confirmation Stations, Adoration, Confession - 6:00pm

Sunday, March 24 - Palm Sunday

As per normal Sunday Masses

Holy Thursday, March 28

Antonino - 7:00pm
Catharine - 7:00pm
Comeau Campus Center - 5:45pm
IHM - 7:00pm Bilingual, No 5:00pm Confessions
Munjor - 5:30pm
St. Joseph - 7:00pm
St. Nicholas - 7:30pm

Good Friday, March 29

Catharine - 2:30pm
Comeau Catholic Campus Center - 12:30pm
IHM - 3:00pm English, 6:30pm Spanish
Munjor - Noon
Schoenchen - 1:00pm
St. Joseph - Stations 12:05 p.m., Good Friday Service 3:00 p.m.
St. Nicholas - 5:30pm

Holy Saturday, March 30

Comeau Campus Center - 9:00pm
IHM - 8:30pm Bilingual, **No 4:00pm Confession or 5:00pm Mass**
St. Joseph - Mass 8:30pm, **No 4:30pm Confessions or 6:00pm Mass**
St. Nicholas - 8:00pm

Easter Sunday, March 31

Antonino - 11:00am
Catharine - 9:00am
Comeau Campus Center - 9:00am
IHM - 8am, 10am, 12pm (Spanish), No 5pm confessions/6pm Mass
Munjor - 8:00am
Schoenchen - 9:00am
St. Joseph - 7:30am, 10:30am, **No Confessions before Mass**
St. Nicholas - 9:30am, & 11:00am

Rural Life:
Tending the Land, Mind & Spirit



Catholic Rural Life
Centennial Celebration



Thursday, Feb. 29, 2024

KSU Saint Isidore Catholic Student Center
Newman Hall • 711 Denison Ave • Manhattan, KS 66502

Keynote Speaker:



Catherine DiNuzzo, MA

Catherine is a Licensed Professional Counselor in private practice who also operates Sacred Heart Mental Wellness, as well as author of the book "The Catholic Guide Through Anxiety."



This event is **free** to attend! A free will offering will be collected during the event.

- Doors Open at 5:30 PM
- Meal Served at 6:00 PM
- Catholic Rural Life Presentation

Featured Guests:

Bishop Gerald Vincke

Bishop of the Salina Diocese, His Excellency Gerald Vincke is the ninth of ten children born to a family on a dairy farm near Saginaw, Michigan.



Mike Beam

Secretary Kansas Dept. of Agriculture, Mike Beam was appointed by Governor Laura Kelly in January 2019. Beam came to KDA following 38 years of experience in association management for the Kansas Livestock Association.



Fr. Gale Hammerschmidt

Fr. Gale is the Chaplain for St. Isidores as well as priest supervisor of Seven Dolors of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Manhattan and Chaplain of Manhattan Catholic Schools.



RSVP by Thursday, Feb 1 to ensure our capacity to seat all guests for dinner.



Please visit salinadiocese.org/office/rural-life for more information or to register or call Sienna Wingerson at (785) 282-8048.

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Holy Family Elementary

would like to introduce our early childhood program



What do we offer?

- Full-time 3-year-old preschool (all 5 weekdays)
- Part-time 3-year-old preschool - half-days (mornings) Mon/Wed/Thurs
- Full-time 4-year-old preschool (all 5 weekdays)
- Part-time 4-year-old preschool - half-days (all 5 weekdays) (mornings 8:00-11:00 or afternoons 12:10-3:10)
- KinderPrep - placement is determined by administration/faculty, but a great option for the little ones not quite ready for full-time Kindergarten



New Parent Information Night

Thursday, March 7th at 6:00 p.m.
Little Theater (Cafeteria)

- Learn about Holy Family
- Meet the teachers
- See the classrooms
- Enjoy refreshments
- Tour the school & ask questions
- Take school paperwork home
- Sign your child up if you haven't yet!



For more info, head to our website at www.hfehays.org & click the Precious Creations tab! To sign your child up for any grade, please complete the Prospective Family Form!