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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 625-3131

www/hfehays.org

Thomas More Prep-Marian 625-6577

www.tmp-m.org



MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. Oct 3 11:00 am +Joe & Mary Richmeier
 Mon. Oct 4 5:30 pm People of the Parish
 Wed. Oct 6 7:30 am +Clarence Legleiter
 Sun. Oct 10 8:00 am +Danny Pfannenstiel, Jr.
 Wed. Oct 13 7:30 am L/D George & Margaret Robben fam

SERVERS

Sunday, Oct 3 Wyatt Gerstner & Makailyn Leiker
 Sunday, Oct 10 Alec Gerstner & Cali Richmeier

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, Oct 3 Nathan Leiker & Ken Richmeier
 Sunday, Oct 10 Lauren Moeder & Glenn Stramel

LECTORS

OFFERTORY GIFTS

Sun. Oct 3 Lilly Binder Amy Leiker
 Sun. Oct 10 Valerie Dome David & Claudia Leiker

GREETERS

Sunday, Oct 3 Darold & Evelyn Younker
 Sunday, Oct 10 Brandon & Brandi Zimmerman

COLLECTION TEAM

Sunday, October 3

Ernie Binder, David Leiker, Tony Rohr, Randy Werth

Sunday, October 10

Jerry Gross, Brian Pfannenstiel, Ken Richmeier, Caleb Staley

TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

Sunday, Oct 3 Linda Gross
 Sunday, Oct 10 Herman & Rosie Leiker
 Sunday, Oct 17 Glenn & Rhonda Stramel
 Sunday, Oct 24 Ken & Peggy Richmeier

Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure

Envelopes	\$1,730.00	Mission Appeal	\$150.00
Loose	\$174.00	Candles	\$14.00
Total	\$2,068.00		

REFLECTION FROM DEACON STEVE URBAN

Genesis 2:18-24
 Hebrews 2:9-11
 Mark 10:2-16

We have in our society the idiom, “You can’t live with them and you can’t live without them”. I believe this phrase describes the blessings and struggles found in a true marriage between a man and a woman. In today’s first reading from Genesis and in Mark’s Gospel, the most important point is that God intended the union of man and woman to be life-giving and a blessed covenant. God himself established this foundational union between a woman and a man. It was intended to bring life and joy to each partner and the world, but God never said it would be easy or without difficulties. In the second reading from Hebrews, the author makes it clear that Jesus reached his goal of salvation through suffering. So, a true marriage will reach its perfection only through difficulties and redemptive suffering. The goal then of marriage is this: a life-giving union which comes about only by following God’s will and a lot of blood, sweat, and tears.

This first reading is the second creation account found in the book of Genesis. It seems God understood man’s aloneness, and therefore wanted to provide him with a suitable helpmate. No thing or animal could provide man with his need for a soul mate. Therefore, God created woman as a complimentary being for Adam. Woman was of the same nature as the man, Adam. She was an equal to Adam....not inferior or less than him in any way. And therefore, their one-flesh union in a true marriage completes God’s plan. One flesh in the Old Testament encompasses more than a physical union. It refers to the whole person: physical, psychological, emotional, and spiritual. In fact, marriage is even more binding than even blood relationships, or as the Genesis authors states, “a man leaves his father and mother”.


This covenantal relationship between a woman and a man is what Jesus holds up as the ideal union in the Gospel. In Jesus’ day there was a raging battle over the interpretation of divorce as allowed by the Mosaic law. The debate was between the liberal Pharisee Hillel and his conservative counterpart Shammai over the text found in Deuteronomy 24:1-4. Shammai believed a man could divorce his wife only in the case of adultery. On the other hand, Hillel took a wider interpretation and allowed divorce if the woman was a poor cook, spoke to strange men in public, or griped about her in-laws in her husband’s presence, and so on. Jesus directs this discussion back to the ideal found in today’s first reading from Genesis. The ideal Jesus holds up for all is that one-flesh union with two equal partners that compliment and support each other.

So, what can we take away from this discussion on marriage and divorce? Marriage is a beautiful gift, but living out marriage is difficult. In our society, we have this romantic view where everything will be wonderful and peachy keen. Looking at our divorce rate we see how warped our thinking is on this subject. Yet, I think we have to return to the Genesis story and see that God intended marriage to be life-giving and joyful. That being said, I believe we need to work at making our marriages better. We have to find marriage enrichment programs that aid in building better marriages. Marriage Encounter weekends and the Beloved Series are two examples of marriage enrichment. A good place to start at improving your marriage is to pray with your spouse, and second is to go on a date. Let's also pray to our Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph to help us live out our marriage vows.

~ Deacon Steve

Hope to see you there!

Monday, October 4th – Bishop Vincke will be here to celebrate Mass at 5:30 pm for the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. There will be a social following Mass.

 Will you stand for the unborn? National Life Chain Sunday 2021 - On Oct. 3, across the U.S. and Canada will provide a visible and resolute voice for the voiceless children who are threatened by the surgical abortionists' cruel instruments or by the deadly chemicals in abortive birth controls. The event itself will start at 2pm, at the St. Joseph Cemetery in Hays. All will gather at the Memorial of the Unborn for a brief prayer service, then proceed to Vine Street from 26th Street north for the Life Chain from 2 to 3:15pm



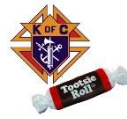
Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish is participating in the **Traveling Rosary Congress** for our diocese!

The Rosary Congress is "held in response to Our Lady of Fatima's call to conversion, consecration, and prayer and are offered in a spirit of reparation, for life, peace, and the deep healing of our Church." We will start on Tuesday, October 5 at 5:00 p.m. with Mass and follow directly with exposition. It will go until 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 6 and end with Benediction.

Please sign up for an hour as an individual, group, or family on the sheet in the gathering space at IHM!

If you have any questions, please contact Alicia Knight at 785-656-3746.

Religious Education: Wednesday, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.



October 8th, 9th, 10th are Tootsie Roll days in Kansas. Knights will be passing out tootsie rolls and accepting donations for the mentally challenged. Most of the money raised stays in our local community supporting organizations for those individuals. Knights will be handing out tootsie rolls and accepting donations after Mass October 10th. Please be generous for this worthwhile charity.

Please join us in praying the Patriotic Rosary led by Father Richard Daise on Sunday, Oct. 10, 2021 at 3pm, at the St. Joseph Grotto. Please bring your folding lawn chairs.

FHSU Knights of Columbus Cornhole Tournament on Oct. 16, at 1pm, at North Frontier Park (across from NCK). Prize: 50% of Pot; \$40 a team. Get registration form at <https://forms.gle/Vbo558Q3EEqVAmN48>

Adoration Chapel needs someone to cover the hours of 9 to 10am, on Fridays; 10 to 11am, 12 to 1pm, and 5 to 6pm, on Saturdays. Contact Geri Rupp 785-639-5588.

Mark your calendars! Bishop Vincke and the Diocese of Salina wish to honor all couples celebrating their 1st wedding Anniversary and ALL OTHER wedding anniversaries ending in 0 or 5 in 2021. Masses will be celebrated at 3:00 P.M., October 24th at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Hays; and 3:00 P.M., at St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton Church in Salina on Sunday, November 7th. Registration is available beginning September 1st online at salinadiocese.org or by calling the Family Life Office at (785) 827-8746.



Special Intentions, Mike Suppes, Chris Brull, Matt Shorman, Carole Carter, Parishioners in Health Care Facilities.

Drop requests in the collection basket or let Lilly know.
Let Lilly know when the intention can be removed.

St. Nicholas of Myra Blood Drive, Tuesday, Oct. 12, from noon to 6pm, at St. Nicholas Parish Hall. Contact the St. Nick's Parish Office at 628- 1446, to make an appointment.

MONTH OF THE ROSARY: The month of October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. We would like you invite you to pray the Rosary during this time. Through the intercession of our Blessed Mother, let us come together in prayer. Rosaries for each mystery of the rosary are available on our podcast, From the Heart, which can be found by visiting fromtheheartosalina.com

OCTOBER – Partner with others - faith based groups, law enforcement, friends - to discuss some of the issues in U.S. Catholic Sisters' website (sistersagainstrafficking.org.) U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking, 2039 N Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131.

A Family Perspectiveby Bud Ozar

In today's gospel Jesus encourages married couples to throw away the marriage rule book. Rules are for those with "hardened hearts." Married couples are called to be a sacramental reflection of God's faithful and selfless love.... a place where people live and love beyond rules and formulas.



CENTER FOR LIFE EXPERIENCE

Healing Hearts: Connect with family members who have lost a child. Meets 2nd Thurs each month.

Healing After Loss of Suicide: Offering hope, encouragement & understanding. Meets 2nd & 4th Wednesday each month.

Healing After Loss: Offering hope, encouragement & understanding to those who suffered loss of an adult. Meets 1st & 3rd Tuesday each month.



Called to Communion host Dr. David Anders talks lovingly but clearly with non-Catholics and fallen-away Catholics in this live call-in show! Tune in to 105.7 FM, online at dvmercy.com, or on the free phone app at 1 PM on weekdays. The call-in number is 833-288- 3986.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Rachel Wentling, Principal
625-3131

Oct. 4 Pet Blessing, 2:40pm, S. Lawn (Feast of St. Francis)
Oct 8 – Cajetan Cash Drawing Live! at 3pm,
on HFE Facebook



THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN

Chad Meitner, Principal
Bob Leikam, Jr. High Assistant Principal
625-6577

FALL IS ARRIVING AND SO ARE BIEROCKS!

Reserve your bierocks by the dozen at <https://www.hayscatholicschools.org/page/bierocksales> or contact Sandy Losey at 785-621-5414. Bierocks will be made from scratch on October 29th and will be available for pick up the same day. No online payments will be accepted rather cash or check will be accepted at the time of pickup. Secure your order today and be ready for Thanksgiving and Christmas guests! All proceeds benefit the transportation fund for students.

LET'S BUILD THE WAY The south entrance of TMP-Marian is iconic but is in disrepair and needs improvement. In addition to the cracks being a visible weakness in our great school, the moisture that is able to enter the building is of immediate concern. It is time to replace/repair the steps at all three main entrances. This campaign to raise funds for the replacement will create a welcoming entrance for all visiting. You have the opportunity to etch your love for Hays Catholic Schools or to honor a loved one with a personalized brick in a stone courtyard surrounding the St. Joseph statue at the south entrance to the school. Contact the Advancement Office at advancement@tmpmarian.org or 785-621-5427 for more information.

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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.