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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

Sun. July 17 8:00 am +Steve & Aaron Pfannenstiel Wed. July 20 7:30 am +Nancy Opunui Sun. July 24 8:00 am +Alicia Brull Wed. July 27 7:30 am +Farron Leiker

SERVERS

Sunday, July 17 Cali Richmeier & Rafe Richmeier Sunday, July 24 Makailyn Leiker & Rexton Leiker

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, July 17 Lilly B, Nathan L, Ken R. Sunday, July 24 John M, Lauren M, Bea S.

	LECTORS	OFFERTORY GIFTS
Sun. July 17	Valerie Dome	Randy & Michelle Werth
Sun. July 24	Gene Gottschalk	Josh & Tina Waddell

GREETERS

Sunday, July 17 John & Natalie Oborny Sunday, July 24 Amy Pfannenstiel

COLLECTION TEAM

Sunday, July 17

Ernie B, John Moeder, Kenny Pfannenstiel, Donovan Richmeier

Sunday, July 24

Gary Staab, Caleb Staley, Sid Steinert, Darold Younker

TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

Sunday, July 17 Ken & Peggy Richmeier
Sunday, July 24 Aaron & Kolleen Dome
Sunday, July 31 Jeff & Wendy Richmeier
Sunday, August 7 Deanna Leiker

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REFLECTION FROM DEACON STEVE URBAN

Genesis 18:1-10 Colossians 1:24-28 Luke 10: 38-42

We are on a journey, traveling with Jesus to Jerusalem. As we travel with Jesus, he is teaching us how to be his disciple. We are learning each week through the end of October what characteristics are necessary for discipleship. If you would like to discuss what you think, visit with me after Mass or send me an email at urbs57@gmail.com. This week our first reading from Genesis shows Abraham acting as a great host to the Lord or three men. Knowing that the first reading always mirrors the Gospel, we might think that the ingredient for discipleship is hospitality. While Martha's efforts to feed Jesus and his disciples are necessary and noteworthy, Jesus seems to lead us to believe another aspect of discipleship is necessary. Mary, Martha's sister, exemplifies this characteristic. So, let's begin our journey.

In our first reading from Genesis, Abraham is sitting in the entrance of his tent when the Lord appears to him. At first the word "Lord" is used, and then later we read that three men appeared. We know for certain that God was revealing himself to Abraham. For his part, Abraham did what any inhabitant of the ancient New Eastern world would do, and that is to be hospitable in a concrete manner. So, we have Abraham orchestrating this lavish meal of bread and a huge steer for his guests. Among mythologies of the ancient world, we have similar stories of gods or goddesses appearing to mortals and bestowing on them blessings in proportion to the hospitality shown to them by mere humans. Abraham was blessed by the Lord with the birth announcement that Sarah would bear a son. Hospitality is a virtue that we should imitate like Abraham for we never know who the stranger or guest might be in our midst.

Today's Gospel from Luke has been the subject of much discussion and has set up a classic debate between the importance of contemplation versus an active lifestyle. In other words, is Jesus saying that the life of contemplatives, found in monastic settings, is better than those who lead an active lifestyle? This is probably not Jesus' intended message. Instead, scripture scholars say Jesus is commenting on last week's Gospel and the command to love God with all one's heart, soul, mind, and strength. We know that hospitality is an important part of being a follower of Christ. We also know that someone had to prepare the meal and clean the dishes for Jesus and his disciples. Jesus is not saying don't be hospitable. Jesus is addressing Martha's anxiousness and worry by calling her back to the one most important thing in life. Mary, her sister, seems to know what that is and is doing that in her life.

Sunday, July 17th, 2022 ~ Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

We live in a busy world with many distractions. We also have many obligations in our families, at work, in our personal life. Often these worldly commitments overwhelm us, and we get distracted and torn away from the one thing that matters most...our relationship to God and listening to his word and allowing it to take root in our lives. Jesus doesn't pull us out of this world, but instead refocuses our lives on the better part which is what Mary exemplified. Martha can't be faulted for working and preparing the meal, but what she overlooked or missed is what Jesus seems to draw our attention to. Let's approach all we do with a listening heart. Let's sit at the feet of our Lord and be the

~ Deacon Steve

Pastoral Council Meeting: Tuesday, July 19th 6:30 p.m.

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! Special thanks are extended to all who helped with the Bike Tour last Saturday. Your gifts of time, talent and providing desserts was greatly appreciated. And, thank you for representing St. Francis of Assisi Parish with genuine hospitality.

Dear Fr. Damian & Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi, We thank you for your generosity to St. Joseph Parish. Your Memorial Day weekend Food collection brought 113 items counted in and distributed to St. Joseph Food Panty & Diaper Closet. Your support is greatly appreciated by all in our county who are in need of food and diaper support. May God Bless you all this summer. -Renee Michaud, Director

Dear Fr. Damian & the Parishioners of St. Francis,

Thank you for your recent donation to evangelization through Divine Mercy Radio.

We're quite excited as equipment is beginning to come in to build the Colby station. It'll be sometime in 2023 before we get that station on the air, but when we do, we pray we have Catholic radio along I-70 from Junction City to the Colorado border. We thank God for allowing this to happen. AND, none of it could happed without your help. We are also hoping to have a translator station in Hill City in 2023 which will boost the Hays signal further.

We're actively planning our fall banquet and to coordinate concerts by Eric Genuis, a highly-talented composer and pianist. We hope you are all able to attend his concert at 7 pm, Thursday, Sept. 22

May God shower His blessings upon all of you! ~In His will,

Donetta Robben
Divine Mercy Radio



Join Us For A Value Them Both Holy Hour 6 -7 pm Mon, August 1st Immaculate Heart of Mary

6:00 Exposition 6:05 Rosary 6:30 Divine Mercy Chaplet 6:45 Litany to the Blessed Mother 6:50 Benediction

Ice cream social to follow in the Little Theater.

ADORATION FOR LIFE St. Joseph Parish will have an Adoration for Life beginning after the 6:30am Mass on Monday, August 1st until 6:00pm and Tuesday, August 2nd, following the 6:30am Mass until 8:00pm.

JULY - Check to see if there are residences around you that serve survivors of trafficking. Staff in these residences help to restore the lives of survivors and can use your support. **U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking** is a 501 c (3) organization, 2039 N Geyer Road, St. Louis,

A Family Perspective ...by Bud Ozar

Cell phones, emails, faxes, texts and voice mails can reduce our lives to a continual series of interrupted moments. Listen to Jesus in today's gospel: "You are anxious about many things" robbing us of the precious time needed to BE with others. Quality time is QUANTITY time.

Perpetual Adoration Chapel Notice: Please consider and pray to commit to one hour of Adoration or be a substitute for those who have an hour. Contact Bob Feauto 628-1429. 3 HOURS OPEN: Saturday 10:00AM to 11:00AM Sunday 7:00PM to 8:00PM Friday 9:00PM to 10:00PM



<u>Prayer Requests</u>: Stan Herrmann, Jerome Herrmann, Carla, Meier, Special Intention, Terry Hauschel, Theo Leiker, Chris Brull, Matt Shorman, Carole Carter, Parishioners in Health Care

Facilities.

Drop requests in the collection basket or let Lilly know.

PRAYER FOR RAIN: 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 rain 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.

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"NAMI Connections" Meets 1st & 3rd Monday each month 7 to 8:30pm: Hosted by: NAMI Hays - 103C E. 27th St., Oak Plaza, Hays. For more info e-mail at art@namikansas.org.

"Healing After Loss" Support Group meets 1st & 3rd Wednesday each month10am: Hosted by: Center for Life Experience 103C E. 27th St., Oak Plaza, Hays. RSVP by email at info@cflehope.org or call 785-259-6859.

"NAMI Family Support Group" Meets 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month (in-person or online) – 7 to 8:30pm: Regular Meeting. Hosted by: NAMI Hays - 103C E. 27th St., Oak Plaza, Hays. For more info e-mail at art@namikansas.org.

"Healing Hearts" Support Group meets 2nd Thursday each month (in-person) – 6:30pm: Regular Meeting. Hosted by: Center for Life Experience 103C E. 27th St., Oak Plaza, Hays. RSVP by e-mail at info@cflehope.org or call for information 785-259-6859.

The Salina Diocesan of Catholic Women Convention will be held Saturday, Aug. 20, at St. Nicholas of Myra Church. Pre-register now, forms available in the Gathering Space, or online at Salinadiocese.org. Registration will begin at 8am and Mass will be at 11am with Bishop Gerald Vincke. A catered luncheon will be served and a raffle will be held.

RUNNIN' REVS game in Hays will take place at 6 P.M. on August 12 at TMP-M Al Billinger Field House. This is a free event to help support seminarians and promote vocations. All are encouraged to come out and show your support!

Pastoral Ministry Formation: The Catholic Diocese of Dodge City is offering a number of classes for the Pastoral Ministry Formation for the Fall 2022. For more information, brochures are in the vestibule.

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! Bring them in and let us take care of them. Broken 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.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Rachel Wentling, Principal (785) 625-3131

July

Office Open Tues-Thurs 9:00-Noon & 1:00-4:00

Full Time Job Opening: Daytime Custodian Holy Family Elementary is searching for an individual for a full-time custodial job from approximately 9am to 6pm each day. The potential employee would clean assigned facilities, assist with grounds care, and help with light maintenance work as needed, and have the ability to lift and move 30-50 lbs. Experience is preferred but will train the right candidate. One full health insurance policy, paid sick leave, and paid vacation are offered with this position. Applications can be picked up from the school office.

HFE has openings for students entering Preschool, 1st, 2nd, and 5th grade for the upcoming school year 22-23! Please contact the school office at 785-625-3131 if you'd like more information or would like to tour the school!



THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN

Chad Meitner, Principal

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

July

Office Open Mon-Fri 8am - 3pm

Volleyball Coaches Needed TMP-M is looking for an assistant high school volleyball coach and a head coach and assistant coach for junior high volleyball. Please email Megan Gottschalk at mgottschalk@hfehays.org

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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.

Important **VALUE THEM BOTH** Message

from Bishop Vincke

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Mother Teresa once said: "We cannot all do great things. But we can do small things with great love." Now you and I, the people of the Catholic diocese of Salina, have a once-in-a-generation opportunity to do a great thing through a small act. I'm talking about the critical need to vote "yes" on the Value Them Both Amendment this August 2nd. Because of a radical state court ruling in Topeka, the abortion industry in Kansas is now being allowed to operate with virtually no limits or regulations.

Kansas is already becoming an abortion destination for the Midwest. Kansas abortions are skyrocketing—up double digits the past three years. Almost half of the abortions now performed here are on women from outside of Kansas. This is a humanitarian tragedy unfolding right before us. I know that in the past, you—like me—have felt helpless to stop what's happening. But here's the thing. In this particular instance we can actually do something about it. Our votes and voices can and will make a difference. If we vote "yes" in big numbers for the Value Them Both Amendment, we will reverse the radical court ruling and allow Kansas laws regulating the abortion industry to once again be in effect and enforced.

Our "yes" vote on Value Them Both will protect Kansas women and save babies—it's that simple.

Here is another important point. You may have heard that the United States Supreme Court in Washington D.C. may soon overturn the infamous Roe versus Wade decision that legalized abortion. We are hopeful this will happen. But no matter what the U.S. Supreme Court does, abortion in Kansas will remain unlimited and unregulated unless we pass the Value Them Both Amendment.

Only Kansans like you and I can save our state from the evil of an unregulated abortion industry. Voters in the diocese of Salina and throughout rural Kansas have an extra and particular responsibility to vote "yes" and offset the anticipated "no vote" coming from bigger cities. We need you. Please, get involved. Make sure you are registered to vote. I encourage you to ask for an advance ballot from your local election office. However you do it, please vote "yes" for Value Them Both.

You can also help by making phone calls to friends and knocking on their door, respectfully asking them to please vote "yes." In the grand scheme of life, these are small actions...but if we do them with great love, life will prevail. And we can protect Kansas as a place that welcomes, honors and values both women and babies.

We consecrate our efforts to our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Unborn. Our Lady will guide and protect us. She will not let us down.

To learn more, including ways to get involved, go to valuethemboth.com.

Thank you for your attention. Keep this intention close to your heart and in constant prayer. May our Redeemer give success to the work of our hands.

God bless you,

Bishop Jerry Vincke

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER: DR. MARIO ENZLER

Former Swiss Guard, serving Pope John Paul II and Dean of Cameron School of Business at University of St. Thomas

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