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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. Mar 30 8:00 am +Tony Seib
 Wed. Apr 2 7:30 am +Pam Stecklein-Rollins
 Sun. Apr 6 8:00 am Mark & Dora Leiker 50th Anniv
 Wed. Apr 9 7:30 am L/D Eugene & Virjean Reeh fam

SERVERS

Sun Mar 30 Ahnaly Leiker & Makailyn Leiker
 Sun Apr 6 Cali Richmeier & Rafe Richmeier

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sun Mar 30 Jenalyn L, Glenn S, Rhonda S, Michelle W.
 Sun Apr 6 Nathan L, John M, Amy P, Peggy R.

LECTORS OFFERTORY GIFTS

Sun Mar 30 Brian Pfannenstiel K of C Members
 Sun Apr 6 Julie Richmeier Francis Leiker

GREETERS

Sun Mar 30 K of C Members
 Sun Apr 6 Tony & Diana Staley

COLLECTION TEAM

Sunday, March 30

Wilbert Gross, Blake Leiker, Mark Leiker, Josh Waddell

Sunday, April 6

John Oborny, Brian Pfannenstiel, Glenn Stramel, Brandon Z.

TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

Sunday, March 30 Linda Gross
 Sunday, April 6 Ken & Peggy Richmeier
 Sunday, April 13 Aaron & Kolleen Dome
 Sunday, April 20 Glenn & Rhonda Stramel

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Envelopes	\$1,522.00
Loose	\$145.00
Total	\$1,667.00



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

For too many of us, Lent is a season of doom and gloom, a time to feel bad about all the ways we are not “measuring up” in our spiritual lives. But this view could not be further from the truth. Lent is a season of refreshment and love, of awakening and rebirth. The Gospel Reading, the parable of the Prodigal Son, is filled with this theme of awakening and the extravagant, life-changing love that the Father has for each one of us.

We are all familiar with this amazing story — the bratty younger son who has the audacity to ask his dad for his inheritance early, only to squander it sinfully away. It makes us bristle instinctively at his nerve when we read it. But isn't that exactly what we do when we selfishly turn away from God (in big or small ways) in our own lives? We squander away the inheritance of grace He has given us.

In desperation from the mess he had made of his life, the son finally “comes to his senses” — awakening to the truth that he is a beloved son of a loving and merciful father — and decides to return home. His contrition is faltering and imperfect and seems motivated in large part by his growling stomach. But it is enough for the loving father.

In fact, as soon as the father catches sight of his son he is “filled with compassion for him” and immediately sets about preparing a feast and fine clothes for this son. What an extravagance of love! What a beautiful picture Jesus gives us of our Father's love and mercy. Oh, how this should fill us with gratitude for such a Father!

And how it should inspire us — with just the tiniest bit of spiritual “spring cleaning” we can be sure we will be swept up in our Father's loving embrace and find ourselves feasting in His presence. That is what lent is all about.

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Stations of the Cross and Rosary, Friday
 6:00 p.m. Volunteer servers appreciated!

Give God what's right ~ not what's left.

Coffee, Rolls and Conversation following Mass next Sunday hosted by the Parish. Breakfast donations appreciated.

This week we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to reveal Christ's love to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection makes grants to six Catholic agencies that provide relief and support for struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters, both here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection.

A Hospital Chaplains note from Fr. Damian Richards: At Hays Med, "No Visitation" means NO visitations.


When you check in at Hays Medical Center, one of the questions they will ask is "Do you want to have visitors or not?" If you say "Yes, I would like to have visitors," your name will be put on the Catholic Patient List and if someone calls asking for your room number, the switchboard will give it out.

If you say, "No I do not want to have visitors" it means your name won't appear on any list. Your name won't be on the Catholic Patient List, even if you tell them, you are Catholic. And if someone calls asking for your room number, the switchboard won't be allowed to even acknowledge you are even a patient at Hays Med.

I tell this because of a recent experience I had with a Catholic patient. When she was admitted, they told admissions that they wanted NO visitors. So, the administration followed their directives and her name didn't appear on the Catholic Patient List. She was in the hospital for two weeks and didn't receive any Sacraments while she was there. Which is all the more tragic because I was at the hospital two days a week and a Lay Communion Minister was bringing communion up on Sundays.

When admitting a loved one to the hospital, or if you are going in yourself, thank you for making sure you are listed as Catholic and that you want to have your name listed on the Catholic patients list. It will make it a lot easier for you to receive the Sacraments while in the hospital.

--Fr. Damian Richards

 Niki Sauer, Amy Moeder, Danny Walters, Amber Lacewell, Mike Suppes, 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



St. Mary's K of C 6984 & Hays CYO Fish Fry Friday, April 4, from 5 to 7pm, or sold out in the IHM Parish Hall in the church basement. **Menu:** Fish, fried noodles and beans, coleslaw, dinner roll & drinks. Proceeds from the fish fry will go to the Hays CYO. Carry out orders available. Thank you for supporting our youth through the fish fry!

Munjor K of C Fish Fry Friday April 11th, 5-7 pm in the Munjor School Gym. **Menu:** Fried Fish, Noodles & Beans, and Grebbel. Free will offering. All proceeds go to the Salina Diocese Seminarian Fund. Take out orders will be available. Everyone is welcome

The Victoria Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry on April 11, at the Victoria VFW Hall. Prices are: Adults \$15, Children 6-12 \$5, Children 5 and under Free. We will be serving Deep Fried Alaskan Polluck, Fried Noodles and Beans, Baked Potatoes, Cole Slaw and bread. Doors will open at 5pm. Please help us help our communities.



The people of Israel welcome Jesus as king while his disciples anticipate his crowning. But—instead of confronting Rome—he turns the tables on the Jewish religious festival. Their power threatened, the country's religious and political leaders will go to any length to ensure this Passover meal is Jesus' last. Shot in a beautiful cinematic format, **The Chosen: Last Supper** brings the most pivotal week in history to audiences in this special three-part theatrical release.

Part 1 AMC Class Hays 8 Theater Showtimes

- Sat. Mar. 29 @ 1pm, 4pm and 7pm
- Sun. Mar. 30 @ 1pm, 4pm and 7pm
- Mon. Mar. 31 @ 4pm and 7pm
- Tue. Apr. 1 @ 4pm and 7pm
- Wed. Apr. 2 @ 4pm and 7pm

Stewardship Renewal Forms: 37 forms returned which represents 58% of distributed forms.

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

"No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan." - JOSHUA 5:12

Over the forty years that the Israelites journeyed through the desert, God provided them with manna to eat. As soon as they were able to enjoy the fruits of the Promised Land the manna ceased. Likewise, God's blessings to us may change over the years but it is important to trust that God will always provide us with all that we need.

Family Perspective ...Bud Ozar

We may feel like the Prodigal Son but the gospel wants us to focus on the father who was forgiving and understanding. We all make mistakes and need forgiveness. Who in your family needs your forgiveness and acceptance this Lent?



This event is open to expectant and new parents and will be providing access to community resources, educational opportunities, and information about available services in Ellis County.

Saturday
APRIL 5TH

11:00AM - 1:00PM
St. Nicholas Church, 2901 E. 13th

Participants completing Safe Sleep® instruction will receive a portable crib. Safe Sleep sacks and other important safety resources and information will be available. Light refreshments provided.



CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Mandy Meagher Principal
(785) 625-3131

March 31 Spring Music Concert KP-2nd gr at TMP Fieldhouse, 6:30 pm

April 1 Spring Dress Code Returns

You can support HFE by recycling your aluminum cans in our trailer across the street North of the school/church in the small gravel parking lot on 19th! Simply bring by a trash bag of them to drop off anytime! Try the new BoxTops for Education app on your phone or devices! You have 2 weeks to scan your store receipts to earn our school points \$\$ automatically, just from your phone! We can give your pulltabs to HHS for the Ronald McDonald Houses of America! Thanks for your continued support!



THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN
Chad Meitner, Principal

Melissa Schoepf, Jr. High Assistant Principal
(785) 625-6577

March 31 (HS) State FBLA Convention in Topeka

April 1 (HS) State FBLA Convention in Topeka
(JH) MCEL Scholars Bowl at Norton

April 2 HS Awards Meeting 3:30 - 4:30

April 4 All School Mass in the auditorium
(HS) FHSU Health & Behavioral Science Day

April 5 1 - 3 pm Capstone Project Home Run Derby at the softball field

Shells Partially Donated by Northwestern Printers.

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.

Sunday, March 30, 2025 ~ Fourth Sunday Of Lent

Lent—Holy Week—Easter (Heartland Parishes)

Friday, March 28

IHM - HFE Stations of the Cross 2:55pm
IHM - 7:00pm English Stations, 8:00pm Spanish Stations
Munjor - Stations of the Cross 6:00pm
St. Joseph - Lenten Soup Supper 5:00pm/Stations of the Cross 6:30pm
St. Nicholas - Stations and Confessions 6:00pm

Sunday, March 30

IHM - Communal Penance Service 3:00pm

Wednesday, April 2

Catharine - Stations of the Cross 6:00pm

Thursday, April 3rd

Schoenchen - Stations of the Cross 7:00pm

Friday, April 4

IHM - HFE Stations of the Cross 2:55pm
IHM - 7:00pm English Stations, 8:00pm Spanish Stations
Munjor - Stations of the Cross 6:00pm
St. Joseph - Lenten Soup Supper 5:00pm/Stations of the Cross 6:30pm
St. Nicholas - Shadow Stations and Confessions 6:00pm

Wednesday, April 9

Catharine - Stations of the Cross 6:00pm

Friday, April 11

Antonino - Stations of the Cross 7:00pm
IHM - HFE Stations of the Cross 2:55pm
IHM - 7:00pm English Stations, 8:00pm Spanish Stations
Munjor - Stations of the Cross & Benediction 6:00pm
St. Joseph - Lenten Soup Supper 5:00pm/Stations of the Cross 6:30pm
St. Nicholas - Stations and Confessions 6:00pm

Monday, April 14

Schoenchen - Holy Hour & Confessions, 5:30pm
St. Nicholas - Holy Hour & Confessions, 5:30pm

Tuesday, April 15

Munjor - Confessions & Adoration 5:30pm

Wednesday, April 16

St. Joseph - Confessions 12:00pm - 2:00pm

Thursday, April 17, Holy Thursday

Catharine - 7:00pm
Munjor - 5:30pm
Schoenchen - 7:00pm
St. Joseph - 7:00pm
St. Nicholas - 7:30pm

Friday, April 18- Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

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

Saturday, April 19 - Holy Saturday

IHM - Bilingual Mass 8:30pm
St. Joseph - Mass 8:30pm
St. Nicholas - 8:00pm

Sunday, April 20 - Easter

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

Monday, April 21 - Easter Monday

IHM - No Masses
St. Joseph - No Mass, Office Closed
St. Nicholas - Mass 7:00 am

