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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. May 4 8:00 am +Elmer Hertel
 Wed. May 7 7:30 am +Brandon Leiker
 Sun. May 11 8:00 am L/D Christian Mothers
 Wed. May 14 7:30 am +Danny Pfannenstiel, Jr.

SERVERS

Sun May 4 Ahnalyne Leiker & Makailyn Leiker
 Sun May 11 Jacob Leiker & Logan Leiker

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sun May 4 Lauren M, Amy P, Wendy R, Michelle W.
 Sun May 11 John M, Glenn R, Peggy R, Deacon Steve

LECTORS OFFERTORY GIFTS

Sun May 4 Natalie Oborny Hertel Family
 Sun May 11 Julie Richmeier Aaron & Kolleen Dome

GREETERS

Sun May 4 Josh & Tina Waddell
 Sun May 11 Randy & Michelle Werth

COLLECTION TEAM

Sunday, May 4

Jason Carter, Rexton Leiker, Donovan Richmeier,
 Tony Staley

Sunday, May 11

Wilbert Gross, Blake Leiker, Mark Leiker, Tony Rohr

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Envelopes	\$1,895.00
Loose	\$26.00
Total	\$1,921.00



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

In today's Gospel, we find the Apostles dejected and discouraged following the death of our Lord. Poor Peter decides to throw in the towel on the whole disciple thing and go back to his old way of life, declaring, "I'm going fishing." Upon hearing this, the other disciples follow him.

How easy it is for all of us to backslide on changes we have made in our lives, especially when it comes to our spiritual lives. But look how Jesus treats the disciples during their "backslide." He is right there with them in the midst of it, already waiting for them on the shore when they come back from their unsuccessful return to the fishing business (after abandoning their mission as disciples). Our Lord greets them tenderly, gives them some fishing pointers, and then prepares their breakfast. How gracious He is to them!

He is just as gracious today. When we find ourselves "out at sea" — discouraged by our failures or for squandering the gifts God has given us, or simply by a lack of progress in our faith life, Jesus is with us! He is calling to us from the shore to come back to Him without shame or embarrassment, but with hope-filled trust in His steadfast love. He never tires of offering "do-overs" if we just keep returning to Him.

This constant process of turning back to the Lord, of reevaluating our goals and priorities as we aim for Heaven, is the essence of a stewardship way of life. Let us take heart as we continue our journey today, secure in the knowledge that Jesus is beside us every step of the way.

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Beginning on Mothers Day and throughout the month of May you are welcome/invited to bring fresh flowers to place by the statue of Mary which will be in the sanctuary area.

**Cemetery Mowing/Trimming: Sometime this week contact Tony Rohr 650-1819 or Jerry Gross 342-4183.**



The Knights of Columbus will serve breakfast on Mother's Day, May 11th in the Munjor School Gym. They will serve after our Sunday Mass. The breakfast will take the place of the after Mass Sunday social on May 4th. Everyone is welcome.

**Holy Land & Rice Bowl Collections** taken during Holy Week can still be turned in if you have not already done so. Thank you for your contributions to these special collections.

**Stewardship Renewal Forms:** 42 forms returned which represents 63% of distributed forms. If you no longer have yours, additional forms are located in the vestibule  
*What gifts of time, talent and treasure will you share?*



Niki Sauer, Amy Moeder, 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.*

**Family Perspective ...Bud Ozar**

Jesus invited the disciples to "Come and have breakfast." At this beach breakfast and the Last Supper Jesus teaches us meals should be more than eating. Family meals are opportunities to share prayer, listen to each other's stories, understand and support one another.

*"The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit." (ACTS 13:52)*

The disciples heard Our Lord's call and were able to spread the Gospel message with strength and vitality. We, too, can experience that same joy if we make room for the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts. When we use our gifts in the way that God intends, He fills us with supernatural joy. A joy that others notice and are attracted to!



**EVENTS IN THE HEARTLAND**

**The D of I sponsors BINGO** at the Heritage Bingo, 114 East 12th, Hays, KS. It is held the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Fridays each month. Doors open at 5:30pm. Come out for a night of fun.



**Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas will be conducting their 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Baby Bottle Campaign** from Mother's Day weekend, May 10-11th to Father's Day weekend, June-14-15<sup>th</sup>. This campaign provides support to mothers in our communities facing economic struggles, giving them access to critical resources so they can provide for their babies.

Your contributions support:  
Pregnancy Services That Include Emergency Assistance, Counseling Support, Adoption Guidance  
Several other options are also available to participate:

Mail a check:

Catholic Charities  
C/O Baby Bottle Campaign  
P.O. Box 1366  
Salina, KS 67402-1366

If you prefer, you can donate via Venmo by scanning the QR code below or visiting our venmo account @catholiccharitiesofnk. Please be sure to include "Baby Bottle 25" in the description of your transaction. You can also give online at [ccnks.org/babybottle](http://ccnks.org/babybottle).

All money stays local and helps people who need our services the most. Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas – serving those of ALL faiths for over 60 years!

**ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY**

Our maintenance crew will be preparing the cemetery for mowing and trimming. Please remove any items that are not attached to the monument in order for the staff to mow the cemetery. We ask that you pick up all items by **Monday, May 12**. Thank you!

**Messenger - Catholic Books & Gifts** Update Store Hours  
Change in May Starting Monday, May 12th we will be closed on Mondays and extending our Saturday Hours. (Weekend online orders will still ship Monday or Tuesday, depending on the order queue)

Tuesday - Friday: 10:00 - 5:30PM  
Saturdays: 9:00 - 3:30PM  
Sundays: Closed  
Mondays: Closed



**Perpetual Adoration Chapel openings:**

Sunday @ 12pm (Noon) OPEN  
Sunday @ 4pm (Needs second adorer)  
Saturday @ 1pm (Needs second adorer)  
Saturday @ 3pm OPEN  
Saturday @ 12am (Midnight) OPEN  
Contact Geri Rupp 785-639-5588

*"The time is always right to do what is right."*

**Fr. Daryl's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration** is Sunday, June 8 at St. Boniface Church in Tipton. 4pm Mass 5:30pm Dinner in the Tipton Community Center 7 to 9pm Music and Dancing  
I hope you can all make it. I look forward to seeing you all there.  
*May God bless you,  
Fr. Daryl Omstead*

 A teacher asked her Sunday School class to draw pictures of their favorite bible stories. She was puzzled by Kyle's picture, which showed four people on an airplane. So, she asked him which story it was meant to represent. "The flight to Egypt," said Kyle. "I see... And that must be Mary, Joseph, and the Baby Jesus," the teacher said. "But who's the fourth person?" Kyle explained, "Oh, that's Pontius the Pilot!"

You're invited to watch the **2025 State of Our Catholic Schools Address** and see how Catholic education is growing and thriving across our Heartland Parishes! Hear from: - Hays Catholic Schools Leaders - Finance Council - Endowment Board - Bishop Vincke Together, we are building a future of faith, excellence, and hope for generations to come. Scan the QR code to watch and celebrate how God is moving in our Catholic schools!



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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.*

**CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS**



**HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY**

Mandy Meagher Principal  
(785) 625-3131

- May 6 2nd Grade First Holy Communion Recognition at 8:00 am Mass
- May 8 Mother's Mass & Server recognition 8am



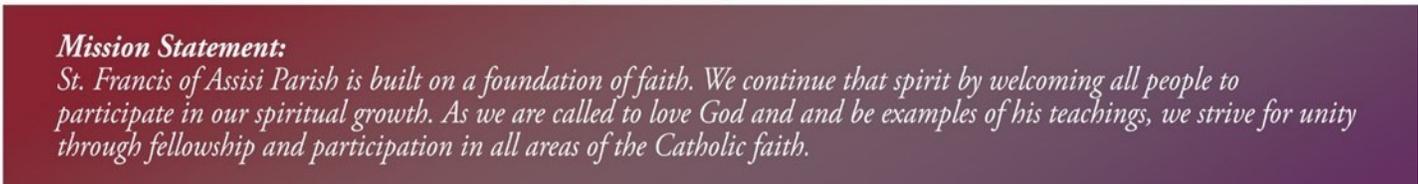
**THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN**

Chad Meitner, Principal

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

- May 9 May Crowning in the Fieldhouse 8:00 am

**Miles of Mercy**  
**5K Walk/Run**  
**Fundraiser**  
1 Mile race for children 12 and under  
**Saturday, May 10th**  
**Registration Open: 8-9AM**  
**Kids' 1 Mile Race Starts - 8:30AM**  
**5K Race Starts - 9AM**  
All proceeds will go towards Hays CYO students attending NCYC this Fall  
Held at field South of Al Billinger Fieldhouse  
1701 Hall St, Hays, KS  
**Prices for Pre-registration:**  
12 & under: \$10  
13 & up: \$15  
If registering on May 10, it will be \$20  
Pre-register now!  
Goodie bags for kids 12 & under  
Prizes for men & women 1st place finishers of 13 and up age divisions  
**Age Divisions:**  
• 12 & under  
• 13-17  
• 18-24  
• 25-49  
• 50+  
**Check our Facebook for updates:**  
**@Miles of Mercy 5K Walk/Run Fundraiser**  
For questions, email [samanthamd05@icloud.com](mailto:samanthamd05@icloud.com)



# Catholic Rural Life invites you to participate in a Virtual Novena for St. Isidore



May 6-14  
7:00 PM  
CDT

Scan QR to join  
by Zoom

## Novena Leaders

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**5/6:** Bishop Vincke, Diocese of Salina.

**5/7:** St. Xavier's Living Water Ministry, Junction City.

**5/8:** Sisters of St. Joseph, Concordia.

**5/9:** Fr. John Stang, Dodge City.

**5/10:** Fr. Damien Richards, Sacred Heart Parish, Plainville.

**5/11:** St. Mary's Parish, Smith Center.

**5/12:** TBA

**5/13:** TBA

**5/14:** Fr. Quentin Schmitz, St. Gregory the Great, Marysville.

May 2025

# From the Diocese



As we continue through the Easter season, in this Jubilee Year of Hope, may you and your family have an abundance of peace, hope, and joy in the Resurrection of Jesus.

He desires to be with you now and for eternity!

*+ Gerald L. Vincke*

Gerald L. Vincke, Bishop of the Salina Diocese

## 2025 Eucharistic Conference

August 9th-10<sup>th</sup> | Hays, KS



### —Upcoming Events—

— 5/1

#### KofC Religious Appreciation Mass & Dinner

Church of the Resurrection, Wichita, 5 p.m.

— 5/2

#### Adoration Under the Stars

Comeau Campus Center, Hays, 8 p.m.

— 5/2-4

#### KofC State Convention

Wichita

— 5/8

#### Women Religious Appreciation Mass

Sacred Heart Cathedral, Salina, 11 a.m.

— 5/11

#### Mother's Day

— 5/15

#### Rural Life Day

— 5/26

#### Memorial Day

— 5/29

#### Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

— 5/31

#### Priestly Ordinations

Sacred Heart Cathedral, Salina, 10 a.m.



### NEIGHBORS NEAR & NEIGHBORS FAR:

## Church in Central and Eastern Europe

Decades ago, the bishops of the United States established a program to aid the Church in Central and Eastern Europe and help it rebuild after decades of communist oppression. The program is funded by an annual collection taken up in dioceses across the United States. That response continues today, as the rebuilding Church faces the new challenges of war and the mass migration of refugees.

From the beginning of the Russian Federation's invasion of Ukraine in February 2022 and the subsequent war, the Catholic Church has vigorously responded to the ongoing humanitarian catastrophe by offering shelter, food, medicine, and necessities—as well as spiritual support and comfort—to displaced persons and other war victims.

### To Give:

Anytime during the month of May, place an envelope in your Parish Collection labeled "Church in Central and Eastern Europe"



Scan to read about Bishop Vincke's recent trip to Ukraine

*Together, let us be disciples of Jesus on mission!*

# Where do Popes come from?

Jesus knew the church he started would need a leader to help keep people all over the world in communion. Before he died, Jesus picked St. Peter for this unique task. For 2,000 years since then, with the help of the Holy Spirit, the Catholic Church has followed Christ's example and teaching by picking a person to be the "rock" of Jesus' church on Earth. This person, who is the bishop of Rome, is called the pope!



When it's time for a new pope, the guys in red come into play! These special bishops are named **cardinals**. Cardinals are chosen by popes to help lead the church.

All the Cardinals head to Vatican City, where the Sistine Chapel is. We call this a **conclave**. The cardinals will promise to keep things a secret, then they get locked in the chapel and voting begins!



Cardinals who are younger than 80yrs old get to place votes. They will talk and discuss and place up to four votes a day. They write their votes on ballots that are mixed up and kept secret.

"ELIGO IN SUMMUM PONTIFICEM" IS LATIN FOR "I ELECT AS THE MOST HIGH PONTIFF", AND IT IS WRITTEN ON THE TOP OF ALL THE BALLOTS!

After the ballots are counted, read, and tallied, the cardinals burn them.

If we see black smoke, it means there wasn't an agreement. The cardinals will have to vote again!

**BLACK SMOKE:**

The cardinals will continue voting until someone has 2/3rds of the vote. Pope Francis was elected in a day, Pope Gregory X (1271) took three years!



**WHITE SMOKE:**

If we see white smoke, it means the cardinals have elected our next Pope!

The person who is elected has to say yes, pick a papal name, and get dressed in pope's clothing. Then, "**habemus papam**" (Latin for "we have a pope") is proclaimed, and the new pope processes onto the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica!



ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO HIM, O LORD, AND LET THY PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON HIM. MAY HIS SOUL, AND THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED, THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD, REST IN PEACE. AMEN.