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*Lord make me an
instrument of peace...*



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Donovan Richmeier 785-623-0417

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS PRESIDENT

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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. Apr 13	8:00 am	L/D Edward & Oliva Pfannenstiel family
Wed. Apr 16	7:30 am	+Rosa & Clara Younker
Holy Thurs	5:30 pm	L/D Mark & Dora Leiker fam
Sun. Apr 20	8:00 am	L/D Marvin & Mary Jo Braun family
Wed. Apr 23	7:30 am	L/D Verlin & Elaine Pfannenstiel fam

SERVERS

Sun Apr 13	Hayley Gerstner & Reylyn Leiker
Holy Thursday	Jacob Leiker & Logan Leiker
Good Friday	Alec Gerstner & Rexton Leiker
Sun Apr 20	Ahnalyn Leiker & Makailyn Leiker

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sun Apr 13	Lauren M, Ken R, Tony S, Deacon Steve
Holy Thurs	Wendy R, Glenn S, Rhonda S, Michelle W.
Good Friday	Lilly Binder & Jenalyn Leiker
Sun Apr 20	Nathan L, Amy P, Josh W, Tina W.

LECTORS

OFFERTORY GIFTS

Sun Apr 13	Josh & Tina W.	
Holy Thurs	Lilly Binder	Wilbert Gross
Good Fri	Gene G & Nathan L	
Sun Apr 20	John Moeder	Linda Gross

GREETERS

Sun Apr 13	Alan & Juanita Stecklein
Holy Thurs	Sid & Joanne Steinert
Good Friday	Volunteers
Sun Apr 20	Glenn & Rhonda Stramel

COLLECTION TEAM

Sunday, April 13

Aaron Dome, Nathan Leiker, John Moeder, Ken Richmeier

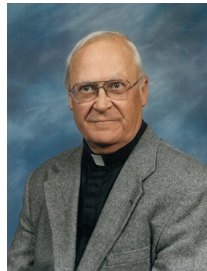
Holy Thursday (Rice Bowls) Volunteers

Good Friday (Holy Land) Volunteers

Sunday, April 20

Ernie Binder, Rich Ruder, Blake Spencer, Trenton Staley

IN LOVING MEMORY OF FR. BILL SURMEIER



With hearts full of both sorrow and gratitude, we at St. Francis of Assisi Parish mourn the passing of Father Bill Surmeier, who served as our pastor from 1993 to 2005. Fr. Bill was a compassionate shepherd, a wise counselor, and a beloved part of our parish family.

During his time at St. Francis, he worked tirelessly to serve the members of our parish.

Ordained in 1965 for the Salina Diocese, Fr. Bill dedicated more than five decades to priestly service, touching lives in parishes across the diocese. He was especially known for his deep commitment to young people. From 1969 to 1984, he served as the first diocesan CYO Director under Bishop Cyril Vogel, establishing a strong youth ministry program and the first Diocesan Youth Council. Fr. Bill's impact was also felt through his work as a counselor with Catholic Charities in Hays from 1993 to 2014, bringing healing and hope to many. We are grateful to God for his life, ministry, friendship, and the countless ways he helped bring people to Christ. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let 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



K of C Meeting: Monday, April 14th at 7:00 pm

Confessions and Adoration: Tuesday, April 15th 5:30 - 6:30 pm.

Pastoral Council Meeting, Tuesday April 15th 6:30 pm



TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

Sunday, April 13 Aaron & Kolleen Dome
 Sunday, April 20 Ken & Peggy Richmeier

Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure

Envelopes	\$5,530.00
Loose	\$165.00
Total	\$5,695.00



EVENTS IN THE HEARTLAND

Holy Week & Easter Schedules

Thursday, April 17, Holy Thursday

Catharine - 7:00pm
Munjoy - 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
Munjoy - Noon
 St. Joseph - Stations 12:05 p.m. Service 1:00 pm
 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
Munjoy - 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

Divine Mercy Sunday

The Divine Mercy Prayer Service will be held at **3pm, Sunday, April 27**, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Hays. The hour will include Eucharistic Exposition, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy in song, litany of prayers and meditation. Jesus entrusted Saint Maria Faustina with the task of spreading the message of his Divine Mercy through a series of visions and interior locutions in the 1930s. When Pope John Paul II canonized Saint Faustina April 30, 2000, he declared the Sunday after Easter to be Divine Mercy Sunday and an official feast day of the Church. **Everyone is encouraged to pray the novena to the Divine Mercy, which begins on Good Friday. Leaflets on this novena are in the brochure rack of the church. CONFESSIONS WILL BE HEARD BEGINNING AT 2pm.** This prayer service is sponsored by Divine Mercy Radio.

Holy Week and Easter Services



Holy Thursday Mass 5:30 pm
 Exposition following
Good Friday - Noon Service
Easter Sunday Mass 8:00 am

Come Worship With Us!

Holy Thursday: Rice Bowl Collection

Good Friday: Day of Fast & Abstinence
 Holy Land Collection

Easter Sunday: Blessing food. Place items on Mary's altar.

"...I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day, you will deny three times that you know me." (LUKE 22:34)

How many times have you heard someone make a disparaging comment about God or our Catholic faith? How did you react? Do you remain quiet so not to cause a disturbance? Or, because you don't want people to think negatively about you? Or, because you don't think you know enough about the Catholic faith? Pray for the courage to speak up and enter into a respectful conversation when the opportunity to talk about our faith arises. Joyfully share your faith with others.



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.



TMP- Marian Monarchs Baseball Jersey Auction

Have a piece of Monarch Baseball history that you can wear to cheer the Monarchs on to victory this year!

There are 3 different jersey options that past Monarch Baseball teams have worn! Use the QR Code to the link to bid! When you get to the main auction screen, click on the Auction tab at the top to see the 3 options. To see all the jersey numbers, make sure to click View All.

Funds from selling old TMP baseball jerseys go to help buy equipment and field upkeep.



CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Mandy Meagher Principal
(785) 625-3131

- April 16 4th Gr Field Trip to Cosmosphere
- April 17-21 NO SCHOOL - Easter Break/Holy Week
- April 22 Kindergarten & 1st Gr. Easter Celebrations
- April 23-May 2 Buddy Bracelet Sales / Dominic Savio Club
- April 25 Race for Education Day!



THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN

Chad Meitner, Principal

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

- April 13 Spring Play "Arsenic & Old Lace" 2 pm
- April 17 School In Session
- April 18 Good Friday - NO SCHOOL

Join the Catholic Diocese of Salina on a pilgrimage for the 2025 Jubilee Year.

June 17-18 Venerable Emil Kapaun & Blessed Stanley Rother Pilgrimage

Depart Salina and Mass at Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine & tour the Pilgrim Center & Tepeyac Hill (Oklahoma City) Mass at Cathedral of Immaculate Conception (Wichita) with Venerable Kapaun tomb. Visit the parish and museum of Venerable Emil Kapaun in Pilsen. Price includes lunch, hotel accommodations, tips, gratuities & tips. 2 meals on your own. Cost: \$198 per person (double occupancy) \$25 deposit.

September 21-26 Holy Hill, St Jude, Churches & Shrines (Depart Salina)

Daily Mass, Holy Family Shrine, Cloisters on the Platte Stations of the Cross, Trinity Heights Queen of Peace Shrine, Shrine of the Grotto of the Redemption, Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion, Holy Hill Basilica, Basilica of Saint Josaphat, Our Lady of Sorrows Basilica & National Shrine of St. Peregrine, Dominican Shrine of St Jude Thaddeus & veneration of St Jude arm relic. Price also includes 5 nights lodging, 3, lunches, 4 dinners & breakfasts at hotel, tips, gratuities & tips. 5 meals on your own. Cost: \$1090 per person (double occupancy) \$50 deposit. Call Carolyn Berens 785-826-0440 to make a reservation or with any questions.

HAYS CATHOLIC MOMS MINISTRY

Walking Together to Live Our Vocation According to God's Plan

Sacraments | Community | Prayer



Mass & Social: Every 2nd Thursday, 8 AM at IHM

- Mass followed by social in Children's Room in basement

Confession: Every 3rd Saturday, 3 PM at IHM

- Families meet in Children's Room to take turns for Confession

Other events & family gatherings hosted each month

Meal Trains provided for families welcoming a new baby

Contact: *Patty Cummings—785-259-4400*

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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.

April 2025

From the Diocese



As some of you may know, I was in Ukraine recently as part of the subcommittee for the bishops of the United States for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. I met a man in his early eighties who, decades ago, spent eight years in a Gulag camp in Siberia, Russia. These places are a brutal system of forced labor camps coupled with freezing temperatures during the winter. As this man talked about the current situation of what's happening in Ukraine by Russia aggression, he concluded the conversation with a sigh, adding, "What gives me hope, though, is that in the end, evil does not win."

This reminds me of a story told by a priest in a homily that I heard decades ago. The priest shared how a man had been in the Gulag camp for fifteen years and finally had enough of the torture. He decided he would try to escape, knowing full well that he would be shot. The day he was going to attempt an escape, a man whom he had never seen before came up before him, leaned to the ground, and drew a cross in the dirt with his finger. At that moment he realized that God was with him. The next day, he was released from prison.

The cross! All the evil in the world cannot surpass the infinite love from the cross. The love from the cross is infinitely greater than all the evil in the world. Evil does not win. Love does. Jesus loves us from the cross. He told St. Catherine of Siena, "It's not the nails that kept me on the cross, but my love for you." This is why each one of us can say, "We are not the sum of our sins, failures and mistakes, but God's love for us." Happy Easter to you and your families! May the risen Christ fill you with hope, joy, and peace!

+ Gerald L. Vincke

Gerald L. Vincke, Bishop of the Salina Diocese

NEIGHBORS NEAR & NEIGHBORS FAR:

Catholic Home Missions



Surprisingly, the Catholic Church is poorly established in many parts of our country.

The bishops' Subcommittee on Catholic Home Missions is a grant-making agency. It offers financial support to missionary activities that strengthen the Catholic Church in the U.S., and in its territories and former territories.

"Home Missions" is the name for dioceses and parishes in these places which cannot provide basic pastoral services to Catholics without outside help.

The Salina Diocese is a Mission Diocese directly supported by this appeal!

To Give:

Anytime during the month of April, place an envelope in your Parish Collection labeled "Catholic Home Missions"



Upcoming Events

— 4/10

Chrism Mass
Sacred Heart Cathedral
Salina, 11:30 a.m.

— 4/20

Easter Sunday

— 4/27

Divine Mercy Sunday

— 4/29-5/2

**Divine Mercy Radio
Spring Care-A-Thon**

— 4/26

**Transitional
Den. Ordination**
Sacred Heart Cathedral
Salina, 10:00 a.m.

**St. Francis Xavier
School Auction**
Junction City, 5 p.m.

**Salina Catholic Schools
Blue & Gold Affair**
Salina, 5:30 p.m.

**51st Annual Auction
for Christian Education**
TMP-Marian, Hays 5 p.m.

**St. Joseph Parish
Bazaar & Fundraiser**
Damar, 4 p.m.

Together, let us be disciples of Jesus on mission!

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Palm Sunday



A long time before Jesus, a man named Zechariah said our king would ride in on a donkey. When Jesus came to Jerusalem during Passover, a Jewish Holiday, he was riding on a donkey! The crowds used palm branches to wave him in.

Spy Wednesday

The day before the Last Supper, Judas, one of Jesus' 12 apostles, betrayed him for 30 pieces of silver. We call this day Spy Wednesday because of his sneakiness!

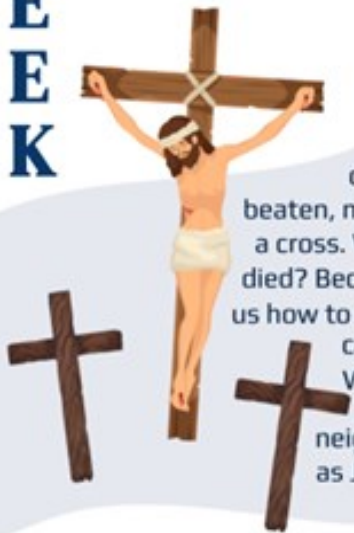


Holy Thursday

Because Jesus was Jewish, he celebrated Passover with his apostles. After he broke bread (like we do at communion!), Jesus went to a garden to pray. All of his apostles fell asleep. Then, soldiers arrested him.



Good Friday



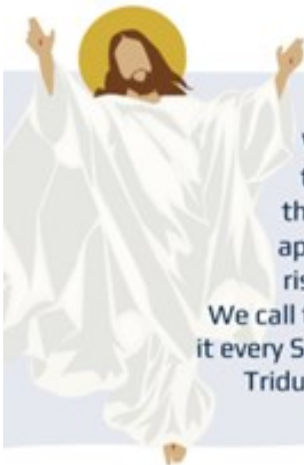
Jesus died at 3 p.m. on Good Friday. He was beaten, made fun of, and nailed to a cross. Why is it "good" that he died? Because he showed all of us how to die like him, so that we can rise like him too! We are all called to love our neighbor as much as Jesus loved us!

Holy Saturday

On Holy Saturday, Jesus was buried in a tomb. While he was still dead, Jesus went to where all the souls were of people who loved God and died before him. He did this so he could bring these people into the Kingdom of Heaven too!



Easter Sunday



Women were going to Jesus' tomb to anoint his body, but the tomb was empty! An angel appeared and told them he had risen, just as he said he would! We call this "Easter," and we celebrate it every Sunday, but especially after the Triduum, where we have a 50-day long Easter season!



The Sunday after Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday!

This is because Jesus appeared to St. Faustina Kowalska (a nun from Poland) and asked her to help the world celebrate his mercy. He asked her to have a picture of him painted and create a special day. In the picture, Jesus' hand is blessing us. The red coming from his heart is showing us his love, and the white coming from his heart is showing us his mercy!

