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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. July 23	8:00 am	L/D Ted & Polly Pfannenstiel family
Wed. July 26	7:30 am	+Farron Leiker
Sun. July 30	8:00 am	L/D Edward & Oliva Pfannenstiel family
Wed. Aug 2	7:30 am	+Mary Ann Befort

SERVERS

Sunday, July 23	Jacob Leiker & Reylyn Leiker
Sunday, July 30	Cali Richmeier & Rafe Richmeier

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sun. July 23	Jenalyn L, John M, Peggy R, Tina W.
Sun. July 30	Ernie B, Amy P, Ken R, Josh W.

LECTORS OFFERTORY GIFTS

Sun. July 23	Brian Pfannenstiel	John & Natalie Oborny
Sun. July 30	Tina Waddell	K of C Members

GREETERS

Sunday, July 23	Mike & Bea Suppes
Sunday, July 30	K of C Members

COLLECTION TEAM

Sunday, July 23

Ken Richmeier, Caleb Staley, Sid Steinert, Brandon Zimmerman

Sunday, July 30

Aaron Dome, Jerry Gross, Gary Staab, Tony Staley

TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

Sunday, July 23	Deanna Leiker
Sunday, July 30	Jason & Rose Carter
Sunday, August 6	Herman & Rosie Leiker
Sunday, August 13	Ernie & Lilly Binder

Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure

Envelopes	\$3,626.00
Loose	\$191.00
Total	\$3,817.00



REFLECTION FROM DEACON STEVE URBAN

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19
Romans 8:26-27
Matthew 13:24-43

Who of us hasn't played God? Each of us some time in our lives has taken on the role of God. Acting as if we know God and his ways, we have condemned someone possibly to some sort of punishment, have withheld mercy from an individual, and have acted with stinginess and short-sightedness. Do we really know who God is, and how God acts in our world? The parable of the wheat and the weeds (tares) in the Gospel should give us pause to re-examine our attitudes towards others, especially those we judge as not fit for God's kingdom. For if God would use the same standards that we use towards others, we would find ourselves in a terrible predicament. Luckily, our God is beyond our imaginations and beyond our self-righteous attitudes. Our God, as stated in the first reading, is a God who calls us back to himself through repentance. Although our God is just and righteous, he is always merciful and forgiving. May we learn to let God be God. and we be his creatures.

In the first reading from Wisdom, we have this insight into who God truly is. The Book of Wisdom, often called the Wisdom of Solomon, was written some eight centuries after Solomon lived. It was probably written by a well-educated, Greek-speaking Jew, possibly from Alexandria, Egypt. This section we have today was a section specifically dedicated towards God's mercy to sinners. As a just God, the person of God hates sin and the effects of sin. God is especially intolerant against the proud and audacious. Yet, even though God is just, God is also merciful and kind. His one desire for all mankind is to be united with Him forever. Repentance is what God invites us to so that we can become fully united to Him.

In the Gospel we have three parables that teach us about the reign of God. This reign of God was Jesus' sole mission in life. Jesus' life, death, and resurrection was about proclaiming that the reign of God had come. To understand the first parable about the wheat and the weeds we have to understand a common agrarian growth in Palestine. Weeds, darnel or tares in other biblical translations, were a plant that when just sprouting looked very similar to wheat. At harvest time the wheat would have overtaken the darnel or tares in size and would be easily distinguishable. So originally Jesus' message was that all were included in the kingdom even tax collectors, prostitutes, and sinners. All were invited by Jesus to share in the blessings of God's reign. And only at harvest time would we know who was truly wheat and who was truly weeds. Jesus was saying allow God to be God and quit playing God and make judgments on who is acceptable in the reign of God.

The second and third parables both had the same message. From small insignificant beginnings, God could accomplish astounding results. From a small seed like the mustard seed, a great bush could grow that would become a great nesting place for many birds. And from a very little amount of yeast added to fifty pounds of flour would come bread for a hundred people or more.

The Gospel parable especially with the wheat and weeds has great implications for a personal life. Sometimes the areas in our life that we see as evil or weeds may through God's grace become wheat. And what we thought was wheat and

was holy might turn out to be weeds. We have to allow the mercy and wisdom of God's grace to take all the areas of our lives and use them according to his plan. How much more holy our world would be if we stopped playing God. Let God be God, and we be what God made us to be...his obedient creatures.

~ Deacon Steve

Church news

Update from recent Pastoral Council Meeting.

Completed Projects: Garage header replaced, new door installed. Scaffolding purchased and lights in main body of church replaced.

To Do Projects: Addressing bat issue in church. Still need to finish installing screen in the soffit area on the Munjor School. Will wrap the exposed area around garage door. Repair work to be done on the south interior church wall, some areas are flaking. Touch up painting on exterior areas to be addressed.

Playground: While checking the condition of the playground equipment it was discovered there are areas of deterioration that may eventually cause injury. Also, for insurance purposes there needs to be a required amount of cushion material under the playground equipment. Due to the following issues:

- Condition of the equipment
- Cost to fix them
- Getting that area up to code for insurance and Prevention of accidents/injuries

The council has decided to remove the playground equipment the sand below it and let it fill in with grass. Plans are to remove playground equipment later this year.

Annual Report to be sent to the Diocese was completed. Parish Stats from that report:

80 Families (56 Catholic Families, 3 Mixed, 21 Singles)
175 Parishioners (66 Men, 73 Women, 36 children under 18)
1 Baptism; 1 Marriage; 3 First Communions; 3 Confirmations; 4 deaths; 19 in Religious Education.

BIBLE REFLECTION ~ STEWARDSHIP GOAL

"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field...He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom."-Matthew 13:24, 37-38

As children of God, we are all "good seeds". We are blessed by God with the potential to accomplish much good in the world. We fulfill God's plan when we spend time in prayer every day, use our skills to help others and share our financial gifts to help build God's kingdom on earth. Through our example of gratitude and generosity we sow "good seeds" on earth and ultimately help each other get to Heaven!

EVENTS IN THE HEARTLAND

Bishop Jerry Vincke invites you to attend the

ANNUAL
Seminarian
FUNDRAISING DINNERS

HAYS, KS
5:15PM
THE STRAND
1102 MAIN ST

AUGUST
10
2023



Scan here to RSVP or visit
bit.ly/seminarianrsvp

Show your support for the Diocese of Salina seminarians! This year, there will be three Annual Seminarian Fundraising Dinners – including one in Hays on Aug. 10. The evening begins at 5:15pm and includes a cocktail hour, delicious dinner, and a short program. The ticket price per person is \$60. To register or make a gift to support our seminarians, visit bit.ly/salinasems.

We invite everyone to join us for Runnin' Revs! The event will take place in Hays at 6pm, on Aug. 11, in the TMP-Marian Al Billinger Field House. Enjoy a relaxed competition between Seminarians, Priests and faithful young men for a night of basketball, prayer and pizza. This is a free event to help support seminarians and promote vocations. Pizza will be available in the TMP-Marian cafeteria following the event. (Free will donations are accepted.) All are encouraged to come and show your support!

Men's Retreat: Calling all men of the Salina Diocese. Please put Aug. 12th on your calendars! Please join us in Hays as men from all over the Salina Diocese come together to learn, pray, worship and challenge each other. You do not want to miss out on this event! To register: <https://salinadiocese.org/office/family-life/mens-conference/>

Is God putting into your heart the desire to become a Catholic? Do you feel the call to join the Catholic Church? If so, then come join the OCIA, the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults, formerly RCIA. This process of formation will begin on Thursday, Sept. 7, at 6:30pm, in the St. Nicholas Parish Activity Center. For more info contact Deacon Steve at urbs57@gmail.com or call 785.650.2931. You must register in advance before the Sept. 7th date.

Century Farm Award: Applications for the Msgr. John George Weber Century Farm Award are due August 1. Families who have lived on farms, have farmed land, or owned farms in the Diocese of Salina for 100 years or more are eligible to apply. For more information or to submit your family application, contact Fr. Rich Daise at St Joseph Parish in Hays, 215 W. 13th Street, Hays, KS 67601 or call 785-625-7356 or email frrich@sacredheartcolby.com



Art Wagner, Jr., Carol Legleiter, Special Intentions, Helen Werth, Becky Robben, Maya Gottschalk, Stan Herrmann, 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.*

July: Slavery persists throughout the world in various forms in developed and developing countries. Human trafficking (slavery) in the US is an active criminal business operative throughout the country. Work with us to stop it. US Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking, 7575 Grand River Rd., Suite 109, Brighton, MI 48114.

Night of Healing Faith - Jesus Heals Are any among you sick? The Diocese of Salina is sponsoring a Night of Healing Faith coming up on Friday, August 11th starting at 6:00pm at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, 625 River St in St. Francis, KS 67756. Father Joseph Asirvatham with Fr. Leo Blasi and other priests in the Diocese will be in attendance. 6:00pm - Exposition and Adoration, Confession, Rosary 7:00pm Reposition and Healing Service Light Refreshments and Conversation to follow For more information call 785-332-2680

Support Groups

"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 month 10am: Hosted by: Center for Life Experience 103C E. 27th St., Oak Plaza, Hays. RSVP by e-mail at info@cflhope.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@cflhope.org or call for information 785-259-6859.

A different mindset Dementia Alzheimer's caregiver support group. 2nd Thursday of every month, at 2:30pm for 1 hour. Learn more about these zoom meetings by emailing maacarmstrong@gmail.com

CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Rachel Wentling, Principal
(785) 625-3131

July Office Open Tues - Thurs 9-12 & 1 - 4

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! We can give your pull-tabs to HHS to support the Ronald McDonald Houses of America! Thanks for your continued support!



THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN

Chad Meitner, Principal

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

July Monday—Friday 8:00 am—3:00 pm

Family Perspective ...by Bud Ozar

Parents plant values in their children anticipating the tiny seeds of honesty, respect, commitment and fidelity will grow with their child and one day become "a safe haven" to many.

Theotokos Catholic Homeschool Co-Op

If you have questions or need to rsvp (all events require RSVP) contact Samantha Baker 785.639.3285 or 14sjbaker@gmail.com Find us on Facebook!

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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.



Encounter Christ!

High School Students--

You are invited to join with other high school students from all over our Diocese for a night of fellowship, friendship, prayer, Adoration, praise and worship of Christ



**RENEW EXISTING
FRIENDSHIP AND
MAKE SOME NEW
ONES TOO!**

- **Praise and Worship**
- **Eucharistic Message**
- **Adoration**
- **Confession**
- **Games**

Aug. 11th 8-10pm -After Running Revs
Thomas More Prep-Marian Chapel-
Hays Kansas-Check out our website
for more details
www.salinadiocese.org

Our Lord in the Blessed
Sacrament has His hands
full of graces, and He is
ready to bestow them on
anyone who asks for them.
---St Peter of Alcantara



12TH ANNUAL DIOCESAN MEN'S CONFERENCE

ANSWERING THE CALL

— TO HONOR AND DEFEND —



AUGUST 12TH, 2023
8:00AM - 12:30PM

IMMACULATE HEART
1805 VINE ST. HAYS KS

REGISTER ONLINE BY VISITING [SALINADIOCESE.ORG/OFFICE/FAMILY-LIFE/](https://salinadiocese.org/office/family-life/)

