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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 625-3131

www/hfehays.org

Thomas More Prep-Marian 625-6577

www.tmp-m.org



MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. Nov 14 8:00 am +David Hertel
 Wed. Nov 17 7:30 am L/D Walter & Martina Younger family
 Sun. Nov 21 8:00 am Kenny & Ann Pfannenstiel
 Wed. Nov 24 7:30 am L/D Eugene & Virjean Reeh

SERVERS

Sunday, Nov. 14 Benjamin Dome & Ahnalyne Leiker
 Sunday, Nov. 21 Alec Gerstner & Rexton Leiker

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, Nov 14 Michelle Werth & Deacon Steve
 Sunday, Nov 21 Lauren Moeder & Bea Suppes

LECTORS

OFFERTORY GIFTS

Sun. Nov 14 Ernie Binder Jerry & Sylvia Gross
 Sun. Nov 21 Ken Richmeier Jason & Kacy Gerstner

GREETERS

Sunday, Nov 14 Linda Gross
 Sunday, Nov 21 Jerry & Sylvia Gross

COLLECTION TEAM

Sunday, November 14

Aaron Dome, John Oborny, Sid Steinert, Josh Waddell

Sunday, November 21

Ernie Binder, Jerry Gross, Tony Rohr, Randy Werth

TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

Sunday, Nov 14 Randy & Michelle Werth
 Sunday, Nov 21 Jeff & Wendy Richmeier
 Sunday, Nov 28 Mark & Dora Leiker
 Sunday, Dec 3 Jason & Rose Carter

Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure

Envelopes	\$2,430.00	History Bks	\$16.00
Loose	\$216.00	Spec Don.	\$125.00
Oktoberfest	\$25.00		

Total \$2,812.00

A Merciful God Awaits Sinners ~ Kathy Kuczka

Long ago while participating in Cursillo, Sr. Margaret McAnoy, ihm, said, "When you die, God is going to ask you about your life. God is going to ask, 'Did you enjoy it?'" Not only did this question surprise and delight me, but it changed my perspective toward how God responds to his creation. I went from viewing the Lord as a critical, demanding judge to a being who enthusiastically cheers us on. Sr. Margaret's words came back to me during a recent experience of the sacrament of reconciliation.

Confessing my sins has never been easy or comfortable. It has meant putting away my pride, lowering my defenses, and baring my soul enough to acknowledge my weaknesses. When I thought of Sr. Margaret's words, I realized that no matter how far I wander from God, or no matter how broken I am, God waits, patiently and mercifully. God longs for us to live with joy.

This is the joy celebrated in the sacrament of reconciliation. It is the joy of returning to God, who has been waiting for us with open arms. The anguish and the joy of confession can be found in Psalm 32. There, the psalmist discovers the freedom of confession after first resisting it. When he can no longer keep silent, he confesses his sins and, in turn, finds in the Lord shelter, freedom from distress, and deliverance. So overwhelmed is he by God's grace, he shares his good news with others. The psalmist proclaims: "Mercy surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord. / Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, you righteous; / exult, all you upright of heart." Praying Psalm 32, or any of the other penitential psalms (6, 38, 51, 102, 130, and 143), is helpful in preparing for confession.

For an examination of conscience, a number of resources are available, but consideration should be given to using the Scriptures, particularly the Gospel accounts of Jesus encountering the woman at the well (John 4:5-42), the man born blind (John 9:1-41), and the raising of Lazarus (John 11:1-45). Each of these Gospels focuses on themes of God's mercy and deliverance and bids us to look deeply into our lives. Reading the story of the man born blind, for example, may bring questions such as, "Where have I been blind to God's love?" or "What areas of my life are in need of God's light?"

Another simple way to prepare for confession is to pray the Lord's Prayer daily. This prayer's plea to forgive and to be forgiven calls for continual conversion and encourages a consistent trust in God's mercy.

In addition to weekly individual confessions, most parishes celebrate the Rite for Reconciliation of Several Penitents with Individual Confession and Absolution during Advent and Lent. During this liturgy, the community prays together before and after individual confession. This rite more accurately articulates our belief that both sin and forgiveness are social, not just individual. That is to say, everything we do or fail to do affects somebody else.

Following confessions, one may wish to bless oneself with holy water from the font (when holy water is available) as a reminder that reconciliation is a renewal of our baptism. Then, like the psalmist, those who have been reconciled are called to be vessels of reconciliation for others as Paul reminds us in the Second Letter to the Corinthians:

And all this is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting their trespasses against them and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

Let us pray for the courage to approach the sacrament of reconciliation with the assurance that God is encouraging us and ready to ask of our experience, "Did you enjoy it?"

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Join us for coffee and rolls following Mass, hosted by the K of C, in the Parish Hall.



2022 Mass Intentions are now being accepted. At this time, please limit to 3 intention requests. Stipends \$10.00 per Mass.

Contact Lilly to schedule ~ 623-8000

Religious Education: Wednesday, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.



Appreciation Dinner Sunday, November 21st beginning at 5:00 p.m. for the many volunteers in our parish. We invite anyone/everyone who helps with Mass ministries, Religious Ed, mows and maintains church grounds, building upkeep etc.

Please RSVP by November 14th to Lilly (623-8000)

Christian Mothers meeting, Sunday, November 21st following Mass.



Join in Unity of Prayer across America to restore the protection of life, family, church, peace and inspire courage in the soul of our nation! **NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE** hosted by/held at St. Nicholas of Myra. Mass Dec 8 from 7-8 pm; 8-midnight: Hourly prayer and praises presented by the parishes of Ellis County. 11-midnight - all time zones united in prayer. Midnight - 7 am - Adoration. 7 am - Benediction and Mass.

COME PRAY WITH US!

Did you know you can offer prayers at your holy hour for a particular religious or seminarian in the Salina Diocese? See the prayer cards in the box on the table in the Adoration Chapel and let these individuals know you are supporting their work and praying for them. It means so much to each one. Thank you! *The Vocatio Group of the Heartland*

A Family Perspective ...by Bud Ozar

Today's gospel teaches us **UNCERTAINTY** is normal. There are some things in life which "no one knows ... only the Father." Marriage and parenting are full of uncertainty for like the fig tree in the gospel, the people we love grow and change.

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St. Joseph Thanksgiving Dinner Sunday, November 21, 2021 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Parish School Cafeteria Meal Includes: Roast Beef, Turkey & Dressing, Mashed potatoes and other fixings included. Carry Out Orders are available this year. Meal Tickets will be sold until Monday, November 15 at Noon. \$12.00 Adults, \$6.00 Children 5-12 and Children under 5 eat for free! There will be the annual St. Joseph Sweet Shop, Raffle, Bingo and Cake Walk. No Dinner Tickets will be sold at the door the day of the dinner.

NOVEMBER – READ PASTORAL ORIENTATIONS ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING published to guide and strengthen the work of the Catholic Church across the globe in the fight against the scourge of human trafficking. U.S. Catholic Sisters’ website (sistersagainsttrafficking.org.)



Special Intentions, Mike Suppes, Chris Brull, Matt Shorman, Carole Carter, Parishioners in Health Care Facilities.

Drop requests in the collection basket or let Lilly know.
Let Lilly know when the intention can be removed.



Catholic Answers Live is a daily LIVE call-in program designed to offer Catholics and non-Catholics alike an opportunity to hear from and talk with some of the leading apologists and theologians in the Church today. This show is hosted by Cy Kellett. Tune in from 5-7 PM on weekdays. The call-in number is 888-318-7884.

Catholic Schools Prayer Warriors is a group of parents and community members in the Hays area, committed to praying for our Catholic Schools, TMP-M and Holy Family Elementary. We pray for the students, faculty, and staff. We remember them at Mass and in Adoration, we pray common devotions such as the Rosary, or we simply mention them amongst our personal prayer petitions and regular spontaneous prayers. In addition, we wish to invite you to join in the regular prayers, namely Mass and Adoration, offered at TMP. If you would be willing to join us in this mission, please email your contact information to CSPW@tmpmarian.org This way we may keep you updated of activities to attend and other ways of supporting our Catholic Schools through this ministry.

Need a reason to be Grateful.....
Check your pulse.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Rachel Wentling, Principal
625-3131

Nov 15 Home & School Mtg. 7:00 p.m. in L.T.
Nov 15-18 Fall Canned Food Drive for C.A.C.
Nov 24-26 NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Break



THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN

Chad Meitner, Principal
Bob Leikam, Jr. High Assistant Principal
625-6577

Custodian / Maintenance Employee:

TMP-M is currently looking for a maintenance employee to assist in the cleaning and maintaining of the school. The position is full time. Interested candidates should contact Tom Kisner, Operations Director, by email at kisnert@tmpmarian.org or by phone at 785-625-6577.

PTF is looking to fill two positions within our group. We are in need of a President and Secretary. There are two officers ready to work with and help any new teammates. PTF does various activities within TMP-M. If you are interested, please contact the front office 625-6577 and talk with Amy.

The grotto lighting is Dec. 5. Any group, organization or team can decorate a tree. It doesn't even need to be a formal club or organization. Get a few of your friends together and you can decorate a tree in your style! If interested, contact Ms. Kim Stoecklein in the Advancement Office 625-6577 or email her at stoeckleink@tmpmarian.org



*Autumn
Blessings*

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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.