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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. Feb 12 8:00 am L/D Elmer & Aletha Hertel fam
 Wed. Feb 15 7:30 am L/D David & Claudia Leiker fam
 Sun. Feb 19 8:00 am L/D Clarence & Lydia Rome fam
Wed. Feb 22 7:00 pm L/D Steve & Jeanette

SERVERS

Sunday, Feb 12 Alec Gerstner & Makailyn Leiker
 Sunday, Feb 19 Jacob Leiker & Logan Leiker

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, Feb 12 Josh Waddell & Bea Suppes
 Sunday, Feb 19 Ernie Binder & Tina Waddell

LECTORS OFFERTORY GIFTS

Sun. Feb 12 Brian Pfannenstiel Hertel Family
 Sun. Feb 19 Ken Richmeier Darold & Evelyn Younker

GREETERS

Sunday, February 12 John & Amy Moeder
 Sunday, February 19 John & Natalie Oborny

COLLECTION TEAM

Sunday, February 12

Blake Leiker, Kenny Pfannenstiel, Gary Staab, Neal Younger

Sunday, February 19

John Moeder, David Leiker, Jeff Richmeier, Josh Waddell

TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

Sunday, February 12 Jason & Rose Carter
 Sunday, February 19 Glenn & Rhonda Stramel
 Sunday, February 26 Ernie & Lilly Binder
 Sunday, March 5 Linda Gross

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Envelopes \$2,666.00
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Total \$2,761.00



REFLECTION FROM DEACON STEVE URBAN

Sirach 15:15-20
 1 Corinthians 2:6-10
 Matthew 5:17-37

Lately I have been watching more television news on the Wichita TV stations, and I am overwhelmed, even sickened, by the commercials for accident recovery lawyers. These law firms are out to make you big money in the case of a vehicle accident. While these firms have their place in our legal system, it seems that making big profits is more important than justice or, more importantly, the well-being of the injured. And although this might be an exaggeration, our legal system is more concerned about manipulating the law to win a case and gain profit than it is about the truth and the spirit of the law. In today's first reading and the Gospel, the author of Sirach and Jesus himself want to guide us to follow the spirit of the law. The law truly is life-giving because it is the will of God; nevertheless, the law gives life only when it touches our heart and brings about a change in our behavior.

Our first reading is taken from the book of Sirach. It was probably written by a cultured man, maybe a diplomat, and was written originally in Hebrew. Two generations later, his grandson translated his grandfather's work into Greek in an effort to preserve the Hebrew faith against the advances of Hellenism. Today's pericope is about the importance of freedom in choosing right or wrong. While the Greeks saw themselves merely as pawns controlled by their fickle gods, the author of Sirach believed that God gave us all free will to choose either good or evil. It wasn't as if God was to blame for the evil in the world, but instead the blame fell on the choices of man. The law was seen as a beneficial guide or an aid to assist man and woman. If the Israelites choose to follow the law, it brought life not death, freedom not slavery, water not fire. How much we are like the Old Testament people who need to choose God's love freely and thereby come to life and peace.

In the Gospel from Matthew, we are continuing our reading of what is called the Sermon on the Mount which consists of chapters 5,6, and 7. Today's reading features four of the six antitheses comparing the old law with Jesus' new understanding or rather fulfillment of the old law. All of these antitheses start with Jesus' statement "You have heard the commandment" followed by the actual quotation from the law. Then we hear Jesus' words, "But I say to you" followed by Jesus' deeper understanding of the law. For example, in the Old Testament it was forbidden to murder, but Jesus stretches us to see that anger is the root cause and even anger is liable to God's judgment. Jesus demands that both parties in the conflict take responsibility for bringing about reconciliation, not just the perpetrator. Jesus goes on to say about this antithesis that before either party can come to true prayer and worship they must resolve their differences. Jesus, therefore, is not wanting to abolish the old law but take it to a higher level, a level that affects the heart and one's actions. This new interpretation of the law goes for our sexual relationships, marriage and divorce, and making oaths. Again the law as seen in Jesus' eyes is the way to salvation and life, not enslavement.

As Catholics we often fall into a certain minimalism, in other words, what is the minimum I must do to follow the Church's

law. For example, the Church says we must go to Church on Sunday. So do we go to Mass with an attitude of just getting by... being physically present and mentally a thousand miles removed. Or do we come with an open mind and generous heart and surrender ourselves to actively participating in the responses, the music, and all the prayers. Maybe we even do some advance preparation for Mass by reflecting on the readings before we arrive at Church and removing all the distractions so our prayer can be more authentic. The choice is ours...either merely getting by or finding meaning and the fullness of our faith.

~ Deacon Steve

Religious Education: Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

Blessed Candles for your Home: There are two varieties of blessed candles to purchase for home use. They are located on the table by the confessional.

Reminder Take Home Glass Candles: Due to price increases, we will be transitioning to candle inserts for the candles that are available for purchase. They will still be approximate 6 day burn time, will be blessed and cost remains \$4.00 each. You will need to purchase a glass globe for safe burning in your home. These globes are available for purchase at *Messenger Catholic Store -115 W. 10th, Hays.*

Volunteers Needed: The soffit material for the Munjor School is here and ready to be installed. If you are interested in heading up this project or would like to help, contact John Moeder at 623-1338 for more information.

Family Perspective ...by Bud Ozar

To experience the peace which Christ promises we must shed our grudges, jealousy and feelings of being misunderstood, unappreciated or ignored. Peace and anger don't mix. Today's gospel warns, if you want peace in your heart and home, get rid of your anger. Anger is too costly.



Mike Suppes, Matt Shorman, Rick Werth, Carol Legleiter, Special Intentions, Helen Werth, Becky Robben, Maya Gottschalk, Stan Herrmann, Jerome 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.*

EVENTS IN THE HEARTLAND

Hays CYO Spaghetti Dinner, Sunday, February 26th in HFE Little Theater.



Lunch: 11am - 1:30 pm Supper: 4:30 pm - 7pm.

MENU: Spaghetti w/Meat Sause, Italian Sausage, Garden Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert. Take outs available.

COST: \$10.00 Adults, \$5.00 Children 5-12, under 5 eat free

Raffle: 55" 4K LG Smart TV; Wood Burning Low Smoke Fire Pit and Bluetooth Speaker; 26" Blackstone Griddle; Vacmaster Beast Shop Vac & Orfeld V20 Vacuum; Gift Card Bouquet

Author Appearance: Alcoholics Anonymous co-founder Bill Wilson called Father Edward Dowling, SJ, "the greatest and most gentle soul to walk this planet." Father Ed's guidance transformed Bill's life and deepened the spirituality of the twelve-step movement. But despite his vital role in A.A. history, his own story has never been told - until now. Dawn Eden Goldstein, author of the new biography Father Ed, will share about the life and message of this remarkable Jesuit who, although not an alcoholic himself, came to devote his ministry to helping people in recovery and anyone else who had a problem. Sunday, February 5th, 3:00pm-4:00pm Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Hays.

St. Nicholas K of C Fish Fry will be on Friday, Feb. 24, from 4:30 to 6:30pm, in the Parish Hall. Free will offering. Take out available. Menu: deep fried fish and chips, mac & cheese, coleslaw and bread.

St. Mary's Knights of Columbus Hays CYO Fish Fry The St. Mary's Knights of Columbus Council 6984 and the Hays CYO will be sponsoring a Fish Fry on Friday, March 10, 2023. A dine in meal will be served from 5:00pm to 7:00pm or until food is out in the HFE Little Theater. To Go orders can be placed by coming in the 18th Street entrance of HFE and going down to the carry out table. The meal menu will include fish, fried noodles and beans, coleslaw, dinner roll & drinks. All proceeds go to the Hays CYO for their programs.

An opportunity for adults (18 years & older) from the Hays area to come together building community and assisting others in the area. Our time together will include: assisting neighbors with tasks such as cleaning out garage; painting; lawn work, etc. ,guest speakers, sharing meals, praying, building friendships. **Register now** either on-line or at the IHM parish office. If you have further questions contact Paul Flesher at 785-656-3121

Fri. March 24 6:00pm - 10:00 pm
Sat. March 25 7:00am - 9:30 pm
Sun. March 26 8:00am - 11:30am



The Sunflower Chapter of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia will have their annual Fasenacht meeting on Sunday, February 12th in the Kennedy Cafeteria. Pot luck begins at 12:30pm followed by a meeting and program of Grebbel making and dancing music by Karl Meis until 3:30p.m. Join us for this pre-Lenten event!

St. Joseph Sacred Heart Room. If you haven't visited the St. Joseph's Sacred Heart Room recently, we encourage you to do so! Our Secular Franciscan volunteers have new displays of recently donated items just in time for your Lenten observance. The Sacred Heart Room is open Mon.-Thurs. 8:00-4:00, and Fri. 8:00-Noon. Located at St. Joseph Parish Office.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. "MATTHEW 5:20

The Pharisees lived according to the letter of the law and they used this to elevate themselves above the other people. Jesus is clear – it's the love that you have in your heart, for God and others, that will get you to heaven. Simply following church rules to the letter and not out of love, does not necessarily put you on the path to heaven. Attending Sunday Mass and then gossiping about a fellow parishioner on the parking lot is an example of being a modern day Pharisee.



Monarch 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament. Boys & girls in 3rd through 8th grade. Saturday, March 18 at TMP, Holy Family Elementary & Kennedy. \$10.00 per player. Entry deadline, Monday, March 13th. For more information contact Rose McFarland 365-0850 or e-mail mcfarlandr@tmpmarian.org

CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Rachel Wentling, Principal
(785) 625-3131

- Feb. 13 KP Valentine's Day Party
- Feb. 14 Classroom Valentine's Fun Day
(Student Valentine deliveries to school are not permitted!)
- Feb. 16 February Birthday Mass & Lunch
- Feb. 20 NO SCHOOL

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

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

- Feb. 13 FHSU Rep in Learning Center
- Feb. 15 School Advisory Council Meeting 4 pm

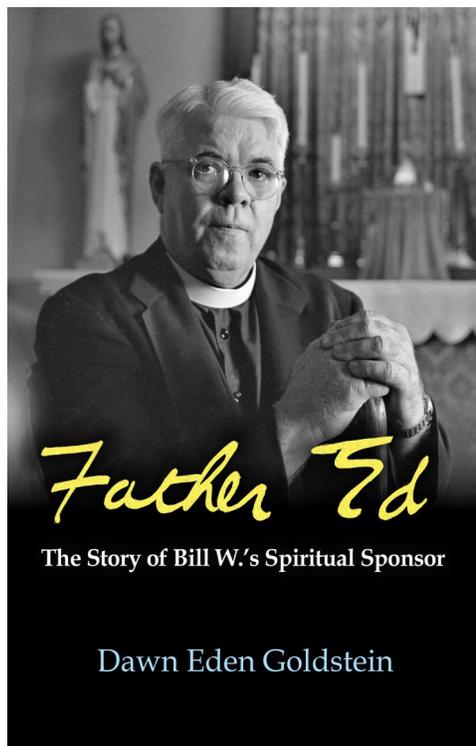
Theotokos Catholic Homeschool Co-op

2/14 - 9:30 Valentines Day Party
2/16 - 8am Mass IHM followed by McDonalds Playdate
Samantha Baker 785-639-3285 *RSVP required*

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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.



Sunday, February 5, 2023

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

3:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.

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AUTHOR APPEARANCE

Dawn Eden Goldstein will discuss and sign copies of *Father Ed: The Story of Bill W.'s Spiritual Sponsor*

Dawn Eden Goldstein is the author of *Sunday Will Never Be the Same* and (under the pen name Dawn Eden) *The Thrill of the Chaste*, *My Peace I Give You* and *Remembering God's Mercy*. She began her working life as a rock-and-roll historian and then held positions at the *New York Post* and the *Daily News*. In 2016, she became the first woman to earn a doctorate in sacred theology from the University of St. Mary of the Lake, and has taught at universities and seminaries in the United States, England, and India. In 2022, she earned a licentiate in canon law from the Catholic University of America.

Follow her on Twitter @dawnofmercy.





JESUS Heals

NIGHT OF HEALING FAITH

“Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.” —James 5:14-16

FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 2023

Father Daryl Olmstead with Father Leo Blasi and Priests from the Diocese of Salina

St Boniface Catholic Church • 308 Gambrinus • Tipton KS 67485

6:00PM Exposition and Adoration/Confessions/Rosary

7:00PM Reposition and Healing Service for the Sick and those in Physical, Emotional, or Spiritual Need

Light Refreshments and Conversation to Follow

For more information, call (785) 373-4455