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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

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| Sun. Mar 5 | 8:00 am | L/D Marvin & Mary Jo Braun fam |
| Wed. Mar 8 | 7:30 am | Verlin & Elaine Pfannenstiel |
| Sun. Mar 12 | 8:00 am | L/D Herman & Rosie Leiker fam |
| Wed. Mar 15 | 7:30 am | +Dan Pfeifer |

SERVERS

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| Sunday, March 5 | Alec Gerstner & Reylyn Leiker |
| Sunday, March 12 | Cali Richmeier & Rafe Richmeier |

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

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| Sunday, March 5 | Lilly Binder & Nathan Leiker |
| Sunday, March 12 | Jenalyn Leiker & John Moeder |

LECTORS OFFERTORY GIFTS

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| Sun. Mar 5 | Gene Gottschalk | Randy & Michelle Werth |
| Sun. Mar 12 | Lilly Binder | Josh & Tina Waddell |

GREETERS

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| Sunday, March 5 | Jessica & Luca Albers |
| Sunday, March 12 | John & Natalie Oborny |

COLLECTION TEAM

Sunday, March 5

Ernie Binder, Wilbert Gross, Ken Richmeier, Blake Spencer

Sunday, March 12

Nathan Leiker, Donovan Richmeier, Tony Staley, Darold Younker

TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

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| Sunday, March 5 | Linda Gross |
| Sunday, March 12 | Herman & Rosie Leiker |
| Sunday, March 19 | Tony & Patty Rohr |
| Sunday, March 26 | Darold & Evelyn Younker |

Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure

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| Envelopes | \$1,711.00 |
| Loose | \$111.00 |
| Total | \$1,822.00 |



REFLECTION FROM DEACON STEVE URBAN

Genesis 12:1-4
 2 Timothy 1:8-10
 Matthew 7:1-9

My mother often complains that the world and life as she knows it is constantly changing. She regrets those changes and wishes things could just stay the way they were. All of us know that life and everything in our lives are in a state of transition and change. Our very bodies tell us in subtle ways that we are in a state of flux. Like in the material and physical world, we know that our spiritual lives are also changing. While change is inevitable, transformation in the spiritual life is what God calls us to. Transformation is more than just rearranging the different parts; transformation is about reshaping the heart into what God created it to be. Today's readings speak about this transformation. Abram is called by God to leave his homeland to a new place. Timothy is called to endure hardship to arrive at the fullness of holiness. And Jesus climbs the mountain, along with his three closest disciples, to be transfigured into a new body that will come about after his resurrection. This Lenten season God is calling us to begin a new journey and, in the process, God will transform our hearts. While the destination is important because our final goal is heaven, the journey is also vitally important because it is the means to obtaining the goal. Both journey and final destination lead us to salvation and union with God.

The first reading taken from Genesis is God's invitation to transformation for his servant Abram. God is always revealing himself to mankind, and he does this in concrete and particular ways. In this short reading, he calls Abram to leave the familiar...to leave the land of his kinsfolk and embark on a journey to a new land. God promises Abram that he will inherit progeny, prosperity, and land. Yet, Abram is old and his wife Sarah is old and sterile. How could God's promises come to be? Yet, Abram trusts in God and follows God's providence. Abram took a "leap of faith", and God fulfilled all his promises to Abram and Sarah. This "leap of faith" is also what God called the nation of Israel to do also. Beginning with the Exodus and continuing throughout the wanderings in the desert and the other historical events of the people of Israel, God was leading his people on a pilgrimage of faith. In this season of Lent and throughout our lives, God is calling us to leave the familiar and safe and venture out guided only by his love and providence.

In today's Gospel from Matthew, we hear the story of the transfiguration of Jesus. Each year on the second Sunday of Lent, we are presented with this story of transformation. Shortly before this story Jesus emphatically tells his disciples that he will suffer and die. With the prediction of the passion in their minds, Jesus shows his disciples that his sufferings and death will not end in defeat but in greater glory and life. Jesus gives the disciples a glimpse of what the resurrected life will be. But this journey from death to life involves the cross. Even Moses, who represents the Old Testament law, and Elijah, who characterizes the prophets, had to endure great trials and hardships in their lives. Following these two great examples of obedience, Jesus models for us what the true path to discipleship entails. While the journey is never easy, Jesus gives us the hope that dying to self brings about great transformation.

As we are about ten days into the season of Lent, we might feel discouraged by our progress. Or maybe we even threw up our hands, and said we can't do the Lenten penances we had set out to do. We need to remember first that it is God who calls us to conversion and leads us to repentance. God is patient with us and will lead us to growth if we merely surrender in obedience. Sometimes we think we have a plan and we can control the process of transformation. God will probably lead us to places we don't want to go, but He promises he will never abandon us, but will bring us to life and great joy.

~ Deacon Steve

Coffee, rolls and conversation following Mass this morning, hosted by the Christian Mothers.

Religious Education: Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.



Stations of the Cross & Rosary - Friday 6pm
Volunteer servers appreciated!

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" **Reminder and/or information to new parishioners.**
" Regarding the envelope in your weekly offering boxes for
" *Parish Supper*. The Parish Supper along with the Oktober-
" fest were major fund-raisers for our parish. We discontin-
" ued both of these events years ago with the hope that pa-
" rishioners would continue to make donations earmarked to
" offset the lost revenue these two events generated. Your
" continued generosity to these two special parish collections
" are greatly appreciated!
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Catholic Relief Services (CSR) ask for your help. Join fellow Catholics in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl at the entrances.



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

Heartland Parish Lenten Mission 2023

Devotion to Mary: *Freely you have received freely you are to give.* Matthew 10:8

Sunday, March 19 at 7:30 p.m.

Monday, March 20 at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 21 at 7:00 p.m.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Hays Speaker: Sr. Maria Jacinta, IHM Sr. Maria Jacinta grew up in Sacred Heart Parish, Arkansas City with her parents and two brothers. She has been in the convent for 25 years and is eager to share with others the beautiful Marian spirituality she has received from years of instruction and prayer.

St. Mary's Knights of Columbus Hays CYO Fish Fry

St. Mary's K of C and the Hays CYO will be sponsoring a Fish Fry on Friday, March 10th in HFE Little Theater. Dine in meal from 5:00pm to 7:00pm or until food is out. To Go orders can be placed by coming in the 18th Street entrance of HFE and going down to the carry out table. Menu: fish, fried noodles and beans, coleslaw, dinner roll & drinks. All proceeds go to the Hays CYO for their programs. \$15.00 Adults; \$5.00 children. Checks payable to K of C 6984

Victoria Knights of Columbus Fish Fries Dine-in or carry-out service available Serving: Deep-fried Pollock, Fried Noodles and Beans, Coleslaw, Baked Potatoes, Bread, and Drink \$15 for adults \$5 for children ages 5-12 Fridays — March 17 & March 31 5:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. or until the food is gone at the Victoria VFW Hall

Ellis Knights of Columbus Fish Fries: March 17 & 24 from 5:00-7:00pm! It's that time of year where your favorite Knights are in the kitchen frying up fish! Come to the Ellis Knights Hall on All-You-Can-Eat Fried Fish, Baked Fish, Scalloped Potatoes, Noodles & Beans, Coleslaw, Tea & Water! Cost is \$15 for adults, \$8 for 6-12yrs, and Free 5 & Under!

St. Joseph's Parish Meatless Soups & Breads LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS - Please join us for the meatless soup suppers the Fridays of Lent in the Kennedy Cafeteria from 5:00 to 6:30 pm. This will be followed by the Stations of the Cross at 6:30 pm. No soup supper on Good Friday.

Daughters of Isabella food/craft bingo March 19th at 1:00 pm; IHM activity center.

St Nicholas of Myra Ladies Guild has a bingo on March 26; 1 pm; St Nick's parish hall. Snacks will be available for purchase including hotdogs & popcorn. There will be a raffle of nice prizes & a split the pot raffle. Hope everyone can join us



Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel

Please consider and pray to commit to one hour of Adoration or be a substitute for those who have an hour. Contact Bob & Carol Feauto at 785-628-1429. **HOURS OPEN:** Saturday 10:00AM-11:00AM Saturday 9:00PM-10:00PM Monday 6:00PM-7:00PM

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.



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



Time to Spring Forward: Daylight Savings Time begins next Sunday, March 12th. Turn clocks **ahead** 1 hour.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Rachel Wentling, Principal
(785) 625-3131

- March 6 State of our Catholic Schools Address 6:30 IHM
- March 7 Spring Music Program KP - 3rd Gr @ TMP
- March 8 Early Release - 1:15
- March 9 March Birthday Mass & Lunch
- March 10 Stations of the Cross - 2:35 pm
- Mar 13 –17 NO SCHOOL—Spring Break

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

- March 6 State of our Catholic Schools Address 6:30 IHM
- March 8 Early Release
- Mar 13 – NO SCHOOL
- 17 Spring Break

Theotokos Catholic Homeschool Co-op

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.

Lent - Holy Week - Easter In the Heartland Parishes

Our Lady Help of Christians - Antonino
St. Anthony - Schoenchen
St. Catherine - Catharine
St. Joseph - Hays

Immaculate Heart of Mary - Hays
St. Nicholas of Myra - Hays
St. Francis of Assisi - Munjor
Comeau Catholic Campus Center

Wednesday, February 22, Ash Wednesday

Catherine - 7:00pm
Comeau Catholic Campus Center - 12:10pm, 5:45pm
IHM - 8:00am (HFE Mass), 12:05pm, 5:30pm English, 7:30pm Spanish
Munjor - 7:00pm
Schoenchen - 7:30pm
St. Joseph - 6:30am, 12:05pm, & 7:00pm
St. Nicholas - 12:15pm & 5:30pm

Friday, February 24

Comeau Campus Center - Stations 11:30am
IHM - 7:00pm Stations (English), 8:00 Stations (Spanish)
Munjor - Stations 6:00pm
St. Joseph - Lenten Soup Supper 5:00pm/Stations 6:30pm
St. Nicholas - Adoration - 8:00am-7:00pm
St. Nicholas - Stations & Confessions - 7:00pm

Wednesday, March 1

Catharine - Stations 6:00

Thursday, March 2

Antonino - 7:00pm Stations

Friday, March 3

Comeau Campus Center - Stations 11:30am
IHM - HFE Stations 2:35pm/Stations/7:00pm English/8:00pm Spanish
Munjor - Stations 6:00pm
St. Joseph - Sacred Heart Devotion 12:00pm
St. Joseph - Lenten Soup Supper 5:00pm/Stations 6:30pm
St. Nicholas - Adoration - 8:00am-7:00pm
St. Nicholas - Stations & Confessions - 7:00pm

Saturday, March 4 - Sunday, March 5

IHM - Communal Anointing after all Masses

Wednesday, March 8

Catharine - Stations 6:00

Thursday, March 9

Schoenchen - Stations - 7:00pm

Friday, March 10

Comeau Campus Center - Stations 11:30am
IHM - Stations 2:35pm, 7:00pm English, 8:00pm Spanish
Munjor - Stations 6:00pm
St. Joseph - Lenten Soup Supper 5:00pm/Stations 6:30pm
St. Nicholas - Adoration - 8:00am-7:00pm
St. Nicholas - Stations & Confessions - 7:00pm

Sunday, March 12 - Third Sunday of Lent

IHM - Communal Reconciliation Service - 3:00pm

Wednesday, March 15

Catharine - Stations 6:00

Thursday, March 16

Antonino - Stations - 7:00pm

Friday, March 17

Comeau Campus Center - Stations 11:30am
IHM - Stations - 7:00pm English, 8:00pm Spanish
Munjor - Stations & Benediction 6:00pm
St. Joseph - Lenten Soup Supper 5:00pm/Stations 6:30pm
St. Nicholas - Adoration - 8:00am-7:00pm
St. Nicholas - Stations & Confessions - 7:00pm

Sunday, March 19 - Tuesday, March 21

IHM - Heartland Parish Mission IHM Sisters from Wichita

Wednesday, March 22

Catharine - Stations 6:00

Thursday, March 23

Schoenchen - Stations - 7:00pm

Friday, March 24

Comeau Campus Center - Stations 11:30am
IHM - Stations - 2:35pm, 7:00pm English, 8:00pm Spanish
Munjor - Stations 6:00pm
St. Joseph - Lenten Soup Supper 5:00pm/Stations of the Cross 6:30pm
St. Nicholas - Adoration - 8:00am-7:00pm
St. Nicholas - Stations & Confessions - 7:00pm

Wednesday, March 29

Catharine - Stations 6:00

Thursday, March 30

Antonino - Stations - 7:00pm

Friday, March 31

Comeau Campus Center - Stations 11:30am
IHM - HFE Living Stations 2:15pm, 7:00pm English, 8:00pm Spanish
Munjor - Stations/Benediction 6:00pm
St. Joseph - Lenten Soup Supper 5:00pm/Stations 6:30pm
St. Nicholas - Adoration - 8:00am-7:00pm
St. Nicholas - Stations & Confessions - 7:00pm

Sunday, April 2

St. Joseph - Mission: FORGIVEN, Experience God's Mercy, 7:00pm

Monday, April 3

St. Joseph - Mission: FORGIVEN, Experience God's Mercy, 7:00pm

Tuesday, April 4

St. Joseph - Mission: FORGIVEN, Experience God's Mercy, 7:00pm
Followed by Confessions
St. Nicholas - Service & Stations - 7:00pm

Wednesday, April 5

Munjor - Communal Penance Service - 6:30pm

Thursday, April 6, Holy Thursday

Catharine - 7:00pm
Comeau Campus Center - 5:45pm
IHM - 7:00pm - Bilingual, No 5:00pm Confessions
Munjor - 5:30pm
Schoenchen - 5:30pm
St. Joseph - 7:00pm
St. Nicholas - 7:30pm

Friday, April 7 - Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

Antonino - Service 1:00pm
Catharine - 2:30pm
Comeau Catholic Campus Center - 12:10pm
IHM - 3:00pm English Service, 6:30pm Spanish Service
Munjor - Noon
St. Joseph - Stations 12:05 p.m., Good Friday Service 3:00 p.m.
St. Nicholas - Service 5:30pm

Saturday, April 8 - Holy Saturday

Comeau Campus Center - 9:00pm
IHM - 8:30pm Bilingual, No 4:00pm Confessions and 5:00pm Mass
St. Joseph - 8:30pm
St. Nicholas - 8:00pm

Sunday, April 9 - Easter

Antonino - 10:30am
Catharine - 9:00pm
Comeau Catholic Campus Center - 9:00am, 11:00am, No 6:00pm Mass
IHM - 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm (Spanish). No 6:00pm Mass
Munjor - 8:00am
Schoenchen - 8:30am
St. Joseph - 7:30am, 10:30am
St. Nicholas - 9:30am & 11:00am

Lenten Parish Mission

DEVOTION TO MARY:

“ Freely you have received;
Freely you are to give.”

Matthew 10:8



Join us for the Heartland Parish Mission as Sr. Maria Jacinta, Immaculate Heart of Mary of Wichita, KS helps us come to know Our Lady more closely during this holy Lenten season.



Immaculate Heart of Mary, Hays, KS

March 19th at 7:30 p.m.

March 20th at 7:00 p.m.

March 21st at 7:00 p.m.

Sr. Maria Jacinta grew up in Sacred Heart Parish, Arkansas City with her parents and two brothers. Upon graduating high school, she attended Emporia State University for two years, then she took a break from school to volunteer with the National Evangelization Team Ministries and St. Paul's Outreach. During that year, meditating on Scripture every day and praying the Rosary regularly, she grew to experience Our Lord's love for her and a desire grew to love Him back with all her heart. Planning to finish college, she went on a retreat at the Convent after returning from NET Ministries, and was surprised to find that Our Lord was calling her to enter religious life as an IHM Sister, that this is where all her deepest desires would be fulfilled. She cancelled her plans for college and entered the Convent 6 weeks later. In her 25 years in the Convent, she has found that Our Lord has more than kept His promise to her, and all her deepest desires have been fulfilled. Becoming an IHM Sister remains the best and most grace-filled decision she has ever made. Deo gratias!

As a Sister of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Sr. Maria Jacinta is eager to share with others the beautiful Marian spirituality she has received from years of instruction and prayer.