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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

Sunday, January 3rd, 2021 ~ The Epiphany of the Lord



MASS INTENTIONS



REFLECTION FROM DEACON STEVE URBAN:

Isaiah 60: 1-6
Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6
Matthew 2: 1-12

In the Christmas song "We Three Kings" the refrain says, "Oh, star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright, Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light". As we celebrate this Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, our hearts long and search diligently for the Light to lead us through our daily lives. As we embark on a New Year and hope for an end to the pandemic and its disruption in our lives, the message of this Feast should be our guiding star to lead us to a better day. Christ's coming in the flesh and continuing his mission through the Church is the light that dispels the darkness of sin and evil. Christ and his message of salvation is the bright light for all men and women for all ages to come. As his Church, our mission is to carry that light and hope to everyone we meet.

The word epiphany means manifestation or appearance or revelation. In our first reading from Isaiah, the prophet envisions Israel and Jerusalem as being the revelation of light to all nations. Having experienced the release from captivity in Babylon, Isaiah encourages his people that God has restored the beauty and luster brought about by the exile. While Israel experienced the darkness of shame and disgrace because of unfaithfulness to God's covenant, the pagans or gentiles were under a cloud of ignorance and lack of knowledge of the true God. God was removing all this confusion and darkness, and all nations would stream to Israel bringing gifts and wealth. In Matthew's Gospel, the magi or pagans were also drawn to the light of the person of Christ, the newborn king. Their search was guided by nature through the manifestation of a star. Unlike Herod and the Jewish leaders who had the Old Testament as a guide but failed to recognize the newborn king, the magi eventually are led to the house where Jesus was. What was prophesied by Isaiah in today's first reading becomes reality in Matthew's Gospel in the person of Jesus Christ.

As I mentioned in the opening paragraph, Christ continues his mission through the Church, and this mission is the manifestation to a world surrounded by the darkness and confusion of sin and evil. So, who is the Church? You and I are the Church. Therefore, our mission is to go out into our world each and every day and spread the light of Christ. Often the darkness overcomes the light because we are afraid to be bold...reluctant to make a difference...complacent to take a stand...lukewarm to bring about change. If we do one thing in 2021, it would be to get more involved in the Church and its mission of spreading the Gospel, the Good News. From taking on a new ministry like lecturing,

Sun. Jan. 3 8:00 am L/D Allen & Karen Brull family
Wed. Jan. 6 7:30 am L/D Mark & Dora Leiker family
Sun. Jan. 10 8:00 am +Cody Younger
Wed. Jan.13 7:30 am +Ida Volkland

SERVERS

Sunday, Jan. 3 Wyatt Gerstner & Daunte Younker
Sunday, Jan.10 Alec Gerstner & Logan Leiker

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, Jan. 3 Ernie Binder & Wendy Richmeier
Sunday, Jan. 10 Lauren Moeder & Rhonda Stramel

LECTORS

Sunday, Jan. 3 Ken Richmeier
Sunday, Jan. 10 Tina Waddell

COLLECTION TEAM

Sunday, January 3

David Leiker, Nathan Leiker, John Moeder, Gary Staab

Sunday, January 10

Greg Pfannenstiel, Rich Ruder, Tony Staley, Neal Younger

TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

Sunday, Jan. 3 Randy & Michelle Werth
Sunday, Jan. 10 Mark & Dora Leiker
Sunday, Jan. 17 Ernie & Lilly Binder
Sunday, Jan. 24 Jason & Rose Carter

Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure

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| Envelopes | \$1,830.00 | <u>CHRISTMAS EVE:</u> |
| Loose | \$280.00 | Envelopes \$1,290.00 |
| Ret. Rel . | \$20.00 | Loose \$173.00 |
| Munjoy School | \$500.00 | \$1,463.00 |
| Poinsettias | \$20.00 | |
| Total | \$2,650.00 | |

Contributions can also be mailed to the Parish Office:
St. Francis Church
883 Moscow St.
Munjoy, KS 67601

to spending more time in prayer, to serving the poor or underprivileged, there are hundreds of ways to be Church for 2021.

Deacon Steve...



**EPIPHANY BLESSING
FOR YOUR HOME:**

Using chalk, write on the outside of your house or inside above the front main entrance, above or next to an entrance: 20+C+M+B+21

(The letters C M B come from the traditional names for the three kings: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. It is also an abbreviation for "Christus Mansionem Benedicat" which means, "May Christ bless this dwelling!" The first and last numbers simply refer to the current year.)

As you are writing the inscription, pray the following:

Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who live here and all who visit. May we be blessed with health, kindness of heart, gentleness and the keeping of your law. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our love for each other may go out to all. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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



The Double-Edged Sword show, cutting to the heart of a deceptive culture, features a local priest every week. Tune in to 105.7 FM, online at dvmercy.com, or on the free phone app at noon on Saturdays and Mondays to hear the wisdom of the priests. This locally produced show is one you don't want to miss. Other show times are 1 a.m. and 9 p.m. on Wednesdays, and 10 p.m. on Saturdays.

Marian Grotto Lighting! The Marian Grotto located on the campus of TMP-Marian is beautifully lit through the Christmas season.

A New Year is God's Gift ~ In the joyful moments- **thank Him.** In the busy moments – **bless Him.** In the trying moments **trust Him.** In the quiet moments- **praise Him.**

JANUARY - Lent begins next month with fish fries across the country. The U.S. imports 80-90% of its seafood. Tens of thousands of people are exploited at every level in seafood harvesting and production. Learn more about the *Labeling Campaign* of CATHOLIC COALITION ORGANIZATIONS AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING. U.S. Catholic Sisters against Human Trafficking is a 501 © (3) organization (sistersagainsttrafficking.org), 2039 N Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131.



Special Intention, Adam, Stacy Dittmer, Special Intentions, Ramona Weigel, Curt Brungardt, Carole Carter, Stan Herrmann, Parishioners in Health Care Facilities.

Drop requests in the collection basket or let Lilly know.

Let Lilly know when the intention can be removed.

Perpetual Adoration Chapel Notice: The Archangels are needing subs to pray at the chapel for the open Adoration hours. This can be a weekly or monthly commitment. Please call one of the Archangels listed in the bulletin to volunteer or answer any questions you might have. Thank you, The Archangels

Bob & Carol Feauto: (12 a.m. to 6 a.m.), 628-1429;
Lorraine Brungardt, (6 a.m. to 12 p.m.), 625-3021;
Yvonne Demuth: (12 p.m. to 6 p.m.), 656-9543;
Geri Rupp (6 p.m. to 12 a.m.) 639-5588

Adoration Hours Open:

Thursday 1:00AM Friday 1:00AM & 1:00PM
Saturday 6:00AM & 5:00PM & 11:00PM

St. Joseph's Food Pantry Notes:

Distribution Days: January 16 & February 6 & 20

Items Needed: Ramen noodles, cereal and proteins!

Cursillo "Is learning more about your Catholic faith important to you? Do you yearn for a deep relationship with Christ? Do you hunger for closer friendships with your fellow Christians? If you can answer yes to any of these questions, perhaps a Cursillo weekend might be for you. These weekends bring together Catholics at a deep spiritual and personal level with the intent of evangelizing the culture where each of us live, work, and play. Plans are being made now for: Men's March 4-7, and Women's March 18-22. Contact Patricia Dusin at 785-302-1220 for more info.



Any allegation of the abuse of a minor, may be reported to the Kansas Protection Report Center 800.922.5330 KBI Crime Hotline 800.572.7463 or ClergyAbuse@kbi.ks.gov

The Diocese of Salina fully participates in all criminal investigations related to abuse perpetrated by a member of the clergy or other church official. For the safety of children and healing of those who have suffered abuse, the Diocese of Salina provides Hotline: 866.752.8855 #1067 Website: www.reportandprotect.com Email: reportabuse@salinadiocese.org

Reports will be responded to promptly by the Victim Assistance Coordinator Safe Environment Office Diocese of Salina. To report an incident of sexual abuse and related misconduct by a Bishop or Religious Superior currently or in the past, the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Services provides Hotline: 800.276.1562 Website: reportbishopabuse.org

All reports are confidential with the exception of those involving the abuse of minors which will be immediately reported by the diocese to the proper authorities, as required by Kansas State Law and Diocesan Policy.

"Rescue me, Lord, from my foes, for I seek refuge in you." - Psalm 143:9



CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Rachel Wentling, Principal
625-3131

Dec. 21st - Jan. 4th -NO SCHOOL ~ CHRISTMAS BREAK!
Jan. 5 – SCHOOL RESUMES
Jan. 8 – 1st Fri Prayer Circles & 5th gr Monarch 4-A-Day!



THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN

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

HAPPY NEW YEAR from TMP-MARIAN!

Happy New Year from everyone in our Heartland Parishes Catholic schools. We wish you the best of everything in 2021. We look forward to seeing you and working with you on all of the wonderful things that will happen in our schools this year.

THE **M**AGI ARE FILLED WITH AWE BY WHAT THEY SEE;
HEAVEN ON EARTH AND EARTH IN HEAVEN;
MAN IN **G**OD AND **G**OD IN MAN.
THEY SEE ENCLOSED IN A TINY BODY
THE **O**NE WHOM THE ENTIRE WORLD
CANNOT CONTAIN.

...St. Peter Chrysologus



God has given us

Eyes, not to judge others but to look beyond situations,
A Mouth, not to criticize but to speak the truth,
Hands, not to punish but to give a helping hand
Ears, not to be insensitive but to listen to those in need.
Everything God has given us has its purpose, use them for His greater glory.

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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.

Year of St. Joseph Indulgences

Granted by the Holy See from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021

Summary of how to receive the special indulgences granted by the Holy See
for the Year of St. Joseph.

The plenary indulgence is granted under the usual conditions (*sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer according to the intentions of the Holy Father*) to the faithful who, with a spirit detached from any sin, participate in the Year of Saint Joseph on the occasions and in the manner indicated by this Apostolic Penitentiary:

- Meditate for at least 30 minutes on the Lord's Prayer, because St. Joseph "invites us to rediscover our filial relationship with the Father, to renew fidelity to prayer, to listen and correspond with profound discernment to God's will."
- Participate in a spiritual retreat of at least one day that includes a meditation on Saint Joseph
- Recite the Holy Rosary in families and between the husband and wife in order that 'all Christian families may be stimulated to recreate the same atmosphere of intimate communion, love and prayer that was in the Holy Family.'
- Engaged couples can also receive an indulgence from praying the rosary together.
- Entrust their work daily to the protection of Saint Joseph and to all believers who invoke with their prayers the intercession of the worker of Nazareth
- Pray the litany of Saint Joseph for the persecuted Church and for the relief of all persecuted Christians. Byzantine Catholics have the option of an Akathistos to Saint Joseph
- Entrust one's daily work and activity to the protection of St. Joseph the Worker
- Perform a corporal work of mercy. These include; feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, clothing the naked, sheltering the homeless, visiting the imprisoned, visiting the sick and burying the dead
- Perform a spiritual work of mercy, such as comforting the sorrowful, counseling the doubtful, instructing the ignorant, admonishing the sinner, bearing wrongs patiently, forgiving injuries, and praying for the living and the dead.
- Pray any lawfully approved prayer or act of piety in honor of Saint Joseph, especially on:
 - March 19th (Solemnity of St. Joseph)
 - May 1st (Feast of St. Joseph the Worker)
 - December 26th (Feast of the Holy Family)
 - The 19th day of every month
 - Every Wednesday (day dedicated to the memory of St. Joseph in the Latin tradition)

- The gift of plenary indulgence extends particularly to —
 - The elderly
 - The sick
 - The dying
 - All those who for legitimate reasons cannot leave their home

(Who, with the spirit detached from any sin and with the intention of fulfilling, as soon as possible, the three usual conditions, in your own home or wherever the impediment holds you, pray an act of piety in honor of Saint Joseph, consolation of the sick and patron of good death, confidently offering God the pains and difficulties of his life.)

Prayer to Saint Joseph

To you, O blessed Joseph,
do we come in our tribulation,
and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse,
we confidently invoke your patronage also.

Through that charity which bound you
to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God
and through the paternal love
with which you embraced the Child Jesus,
we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance
which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood,
and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family,
defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ;
O most loving father, ward off from us
every contagion of error and corrupting influence;
O our most mighty protector, be kind to us
and from heaven assist us in our struggle
with the power of darkness.

As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril,
so now protect God's Holy Church
from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity;
shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection,
so that, supported by your example and your aid,
we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness,
and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven.

Amen.