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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 www/hfehays.org

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www.tmp-m.org

Mass Intentions			
Sun. Jan 26	8:00 am	L/D Marvin & Mary Jo Braun Fam	
Wed. Jan 29	7:30 am	+Virgil Pfannenstiel	
Sun. Feb 2	8:00 am	L/D Mike & Celeste Stecklein fam	
Wed. Feb 5	7:30 am	+Nick & Almeda Stecklein	

#### **SERVERS**

Sun Jan 26 Jacob Leiker & Logan Leiker

Sun Feb 2 Alec Gerstner & Ahnalyn Leiker

#### **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Sun Jan 26 Amy P, Tony S, Glenn S, Rhonda S.

Sun Feb 2 Nathan L, Ken R, Josh W, Tina W.

	LECTORS	OFFERTORY GIFTS
Sun Jan 26	Brian Pfannenstiel	Jeff & Wendy Richmeier
Sun Feb 2	Julie Richmeier	Donovan Richmeier

#### **GREETERS**

Sun Jan 26 John & Natalie Oborny

Sun Feb 2 Amy Pfannenstiel

#### **COLLECTION TEAM**

#### Sunday, January 26

Jerry Gross, David Leiker, Rexton Leiker, Jeff Richmeier

#### Sunday, February 2

Jason Carter, John Oborny, Brian Pfannenstiel, Randy Werth

## Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure

Envelopes \$5,176.00

Loose \$160.00

Total \$5,336.00



With God -- All things are possible.

#### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

In St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians, it states "If they were all one part, where would the body be? But as it is there are many parts, yet one body" (1 COR 12:18-20).

What does this teach us as Christian stewards? It shows us that we all have equal dignity and worth in God's sight, and that if God sees us as equally precious, we should view each other in this same light. It teaches us to humbly recognize our own gifts as well as the giftedness of every member of our parish family. And, while God designed us to be ultimately dependent on Him, it seems He has also designed us to need each other!

This is part of the beauty and richness of a stewardship way of life. No one person can "do it all" in life — whether in family life or parish life. But God does not ask us to do it all. He simply asks us to share the gifts and talents we do have in the season of life we find ourselves right now.

It might feel uncomfortable at first. But the good news it you don't have to do it all. Do your part, let your brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ do theirs, and know that the Spirit of the Lord is upon us all as we live out this stewardship way of life.

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## Blessing of Toddlers after Mass on January 26th.

In honor of the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, Fr. Damian will be blessing toddlers after Mass today. Scripture says Jesus was presented in the Temple when he was 40 days old. According to tradition, Mary was presented in the Temple when she was 3.

#### FROM THE DESK OF FATHER DAMIAN

Parish Council changes name of Steeple Fund to Church Project Fund. Munjor Parish Council formally voted to change the name of the Steeple Fund to Church Project Fund. This frees up the Steeple funds to be used for capital improvements on the Church building. This is a Church Project Fund, so the funds will only be used on projects improving the church building. Thank you for your support of St. Francis Parish.

—Fr. Damian



Blessing of Candles as part of Mass February 2nd. In homes, blessed candles should be lit on the occasion of family devotions, in times of storm, household crises,

or other dangers. The Church, moreover, wishes these candles to remind us of our baptismal candles; for the candles we received at baptism remind us of the call to always keep the light of Christ burning brightly and the flame of faith alive in our children's lives as well as our own. All the parish candles will be blessed at the beginning of Mass on Sunday, Feb 2. Please bring any candles you would like to have blessed to Mass that weekend so they can be blessed as well.

Table will be located behind back pews.



Blessing of Throats after Mass on February 2nd. In honor of the Feast of St. Blaise, blessing of throats will take place after Mass next Sunday.

#### **Update From Recent Pastoral Council Meeting.**

Buildings: Replace window wraps that are peeling. Bid has been accepted, most likely spring/summer project.

Parish Hall: Getting bids to possibly install split units for upstairs. Old furnace motors need to be replaced. Due to age of units, parts are unlikely to be found.

Archive Storage. Possibility Diocese will use Munjor Rectory to store items from church's that have closed and have no where to store them. Items would be made available to parishes. Planning stages, nothing confirmed.

Coffee, Rolls and Conversation following Mass next Sunday, hosted by the Knights of Columbus. Everyone is welcome.

#### BIBLE REFLECTION ~ STEWARDSHIP GOAL

""Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared..." - NEHEMIAH 8:10

Ezra's instructions to the people show us that God does not forbid us from enjoying the good things in life. He wants us to be happy! However, God expects us to be grateful for all that He has given us and to generously share our blessings with those who are in need. Now here's the hard part - to share all we have without expecting anything in return.

#### **EVENTS IN THE HEARTLAND**



Annual Chili Feed & Bazaar and Silent Auction is Sunday, Jan. 26, from 11am to 2pm, at Holy Family Elementary School, 18th and Vine, Hays MENU: Chili and Cinnamon rolls served with coffee, lemonade, and tea. Meal tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children (ages 4-12). Tickets are available in advance at the school office or at the door.

The raffle is packed full of exciting items. The Silent Auction always has great items to bid on, and there will be games galore for kids of all ages with awesome prizes to win at the Game Room in the Activity Center!

All proceeds from the event will be used to make improvements, purchase equipment, and add resource materials for Holy Family Elementary School. The time to invest in the future of Catholic education for our children is now!

Thank you for your support. We look forward to seeing you on January 26th at the Holy Family Elementary School Chili Supper!

The Gorham Daughters of Isabella are having their Annual Soup Luncheon on Sunday, Feb. 2, from 10:30am to 1pm, at the Senior Center, Gorham. Eat in or take out. Homemade soup: Chili, Green Bean & Dumpling, Chicken & Noodle. \$8 - per person, 5 and under free. A quart of soup - \$15. All welcome!

VFW Stars & Stripes Breakfast, Sunday, February 9th. All you can eat. Adults: \$11.50; Children (5-12 yrs) \$6.50. Tickets must be purchased in advance to benefit Dream Inc. for children's summer camp. For tickets contact Molly Legleiter 785-259-3435; Jane Younger 785-259-3374; Dream Inc. Office 785-628-6655



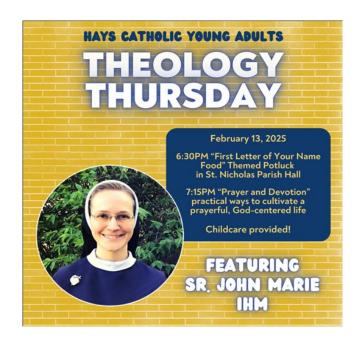
A relic of St. Padre Pio will be on display Wednesday, January 29th from 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Parish. The Heartland Parishes invite you to venerate this firstclass relic, on loan from St. Pio Chapel at St. John the Baptist Parish in Beloit. Devotional materials will be available for pur-

chase during the hours of veneration. Sales support St. Pio Chapel.



Mike Suppes, Special Intentions, Becky Robben, Maya Gottschalk, Carla Meier, Terry Hauschel, Prayer Theo Leiker, Chris Brull, Carol Carter, Parishion-Requests ers in Health Care Facilities.

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



**Hays CYO Spaghetti Dinner,** Sunday, Feb. 16, in the IHM Parish Hall. Lunch- 11am to 1:30pm Dinner- 4:30pm - 7pm

Meal tickets are on presale now, and you can purchase them from a CYO member or in the IHM office. Adult tickets are \$10 and child tickets (5-12) are \$5. Ages 4 and under eat for free.

#### HAYS CATHOLIC MOMS MINISTRY

Helping Moms Live Their Vocation According to God's Plan

#### Sacraments | Community | Prayer

Connect with other moms through the sacraments, build faithful community, and uplift your family through prayer.

Daily Mass & Social: 2nd Thursdays, 8 AM at IHM

Confessions: 3rd Saturdays, 3 PM at IHM

Other Events: Playdates, parties, and more at least

once a month

**Birth Blessings:** A kid-free rosary and social time to

offer prayers for expecting mothers

**Meal Trains:** Provided for every family welcoming

a new baby

Contact: Call/text Patty Cummings at 785-259-4400

#### **CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS**



#### HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Mandy Meagher Principal (785) 625-3131

Jan 26-31 Catholic School's Week



HFE bucks Bucks program. We will no longer be selling HFE Bucks after mass-

es, however, you can continue to order gift cards. Consider purchasing HFE Bucks for dining, shopping, gift-giving, traveling, and more! Join our Facebook page updates, too! <a href="https://www.facebook.com/hfebucks">https://www.facebook.com/hfebucks</a> Questions can be emailed to <a href="https://www.facebook.com/bucks@gmail.com">hfe-bucks@gmail.com</a>. Thank you for your continued support



#### THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN

Chad Meitner, Principal

Melissa Schoepf, Jr. High Assistant Principal (785) 625-6577

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# TMP- Marian Pop Singers Dessert Show, February 1st & 2nd.

Desserts at 6:00 p.m. (Sat) & 1 p.m. (Sun) Shows start at 7 pm (Sat) & 2 p.m. (Sun) Tickets available on TMP-M's GOFAN Page.

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## Mission Statement:

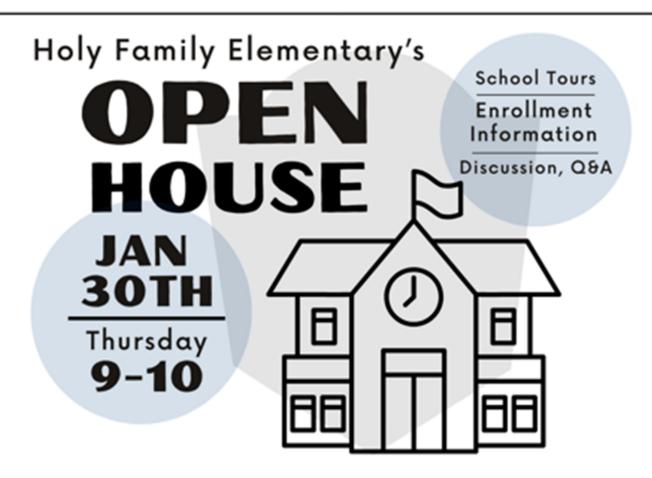
St. Francis of Assisi Parish is built on a foundation of faith. We continue that spirit by welcoming all people to participate in our spiritual growth. As we are called to love God and and be examples of his teachings, we strive for unity through fellowship and participation in all areas of the Catholic faith.

Please join us for...

# Holy Family Elementary's Chili Feed & Bazaar

January 26th, 2025 11:00–2:00

All are Welcome ...so many fun things to do!



# **Catholic Schools Week**

# January 26th-January 31st 2025

# SUNDAY-CELEBRATE PARISHES

- \*Attend Mass at your parish, students are encouraged to wear HFE gear to Mass
- \*Attend Chili Feed from 11:00-2:00 at HFE

## MONDAY-CELEBRATE STUDENTS

- \*Wear pajamas to school
- \*Random prize drawings for students throughout the day
- \*Talent Show at 2:00 in the Gym, students in grades 3-5 perform, grades KP-5 watch

# TUESDAY-CELEBRATE FACULTY & STAFF

\*Luncheon for faculty & staff, parent volunteers cover lunch duties

# WEDNESDAY-CELEBRATE COMMUNITY

- \*Wear a Kansas themed shirt, yellow shirt or Kansas team shirt to school with uniform bottoms or jeans
- \*Kansas themed activities at 8:15 for students that include bingo, a craft, snack, and trivia
- \*First responders join us for lunch

# THURSDAY-CELEBRATE VOCATIONS

- \*Benefactor Mass at 8:00 at IHM
- \*Dress like a Saint, students are encouraged to dress like their favorite Saint
- \*Saint Parade at 9:00 in the school hallways
- \*Open House, reception, and school tours from 9-10
- Priests & Sisters join us for lunch
- \*Bible Kahoot for grades K-2 in their classrooms
- \*Bible Bee for grades 3-5 at 1:00 in the Little Theater
- \*Vocation panel for grades 2 & 3 at 2:00 in the Little Theater
- \*Vocation panel for grades 4 & 5 at 2:30 in the Little Theater

# FRIDAY-CELEBRATE FAITH

- \*All School Mass at 10:00 at IHM for HFE, TMP, Ellis, and Plainville
- \*Mix it up lunch and activities between HFE & TMP students
- \*Early Release at 1:30
- No after school care
- \*Attend the TMP Legacy Basketball & Mini Cheer Night at 6:00 at the TMP FH, students receive a voucher for a free pop & popcorn at the game (provided by the TMP Booster Club)