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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

Sunday, January 29, 2023 ~ Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. Jan 29	8:00 am	+Brandon Leiker
Wed. Feb 1	7:30 am	+Donald P. Werth
Sun. Feb 5	8:00 am	L/D Les & Linda Gross family
Wed. Feb 8	7:30 am	L/D Frank & Pauline Younker fam

SERVERS

Sunday, Jan. 29	Cali Richmeier & Rafe Richmeier
Sunday, Feb 5	Reylyn Leiker & Trenton Staley

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, Jan 29	John Moeder & Bea Suppes
Sunday, Feb 5	Glenn Stramel & Rhonda Stramel

LECTORS OFFERTORY GIFTS

Sun. Jan 29	Lauren Moeder	K of C Members
Sun. Feb 5	Benjamin Dome	Brandon & Brandi Z.

GREETERS

Sunday, January 29	K of C Members
Sunday, February 5	Nathan & Jenalyn Leiker

COLLECTION TEAM

Sunday, January 29

Wilbert Gross, Nathan Leiker, Brian Pfannenstiel, Tony Rohr

Sunday, February 5

Jason Carter, Aaron Dome, Jerry Gross, Rexton Leiker

TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

Sunday, January 29	Deanna Leiker
Sunday, February 5	Mark & Dora Leiker
Sunday, February 12	Jason & Rose Carter
Sunday, February 19	Glenn & Rhonda Stramel

Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure

Envelopes	\$3,935.00
Loose	\$250.00
Total	\$4,185.00



REFLECTION FROM DEACON STEVE URBAN

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13
 1 Corinthians 1:26-31
 Matthew 5:1-12a

As I have spoken about in my homilies, I was at one time studying for the Capuchins. What drew me to the Capuchin way of life was their joyfulness, their simplicity, and the desire to live poorly. I believe their simple joy and purity of heart come from their wanting to be poor as Jesus was poor. This poverty and humility of Jesus and the Capuchins are what today's readings are about. All three readings espouse this attitude and lifestyle in which all we are and want to be are dependent on God only. This poverty is both a material poverty and a spiritual poverty. Patricia Datchuck Sanchez in her reflection on today's Gospel says it best, "To be poor in the gospel sense is to be one totally in need before God and for God". As Jesus says today in the first Beatitude in the Gospel, blessed or happy are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of God.

Let's delve deeper into this gift of humility and poverty found in the readings. In the first reading, we hear from a minor prophet who is only cited once in the New Testament. Yet his contribution to biblical spirituality is very important. The prophet Zephaniah was telling the people of the southern kingdom of Judah to be aware of how they had strayed from God in their morality and their religious stance before God. Pride and lack of faith were sending them down the road of destruction as had happened to the people of Israel in the northern kingdom. While the people waited for a "day of the Lord" when they would be vindicated from the nations, Zephaniah prophesied this "day" to be one of judgment and destruction. Zephaniah urged the people to humble themselves before God...to become poor and find their riches in serving God alone. I believe Zephaniah could be speaking to our nation and urging us to become dependent on God instead of ourselves and our material wealth.

In the second reading from Paul to the Corinthians, St. Paul takes up this same theme. He says that God chooses the lowly and the poor to humble those who are so full of themselves that they can't recognize their need for God. If we want to boast or pat ourselves on the back for doing well, we ought to stop and recognize that everything we have in our life comes from God. God is the source of all our gifts, accomplishments, and blessings.

Finally, in the Gospel from Matthew, we have Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. Like the prophet Moses who gave the people of Israel the law in the Old Testament, Jesus is the new Moses who goes up the mountain and lays out the new "bill of rights". In these eight attitudes of being for the new people of Israel, Jesus gives us the prescription for true happiness or blessedness. All eight beatitudes speak counter culturally and envision a way of life that is opposed to our self-sufficiency and pride. Those who live the beatitudes are the simple of heart, the poor in spirit, those who hunger and thirst for justice and peace, and those who espouse mercy and forgiveness.

All of us want to be happy and loved. That's our true fulfillment in life and what truly gives us purpose. Yet we so often seek after things that don't bring happiness. So often we

take the wrong road to finding true peace and contentment. Yet what a blessing that Jesus, in today's Gospel, lays out the road to finding ourselves and happiness. Jesus shows us in his life how to achieve happiness. While it is never an easy path, we know we have Jesus and his Church to guide and help on this life-long journey. Let's surrender ourselves to the Church and help one another to live out the Beatitudes.

~ Deacon Steve



Blessing of Toddlers after Mass Sunday, January 29. In honor of the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, Father will be blessing toddlers after Mass. 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.

Religious Education: Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

Blessing of Candles will be done at Mass next Sunday, Feb. 5th. Parish candles will be blessed at that time. If you have candles you would like to have blessed you are welcome to bring them .



In honor of the Feast of St. Blaise, blessing of throats will take place after Mass next Sunday.

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.

K of C News: At our January meeting the Knights of Columbus installed 3 new members. They welcomed Paul Leiker, Blake Spencer & Wyatt Waddell. Congratulations to these new members.

Family Perspective ...by Bud Ozar

It is in our family where we learn to be merciful and comforting to others. The Beatitudes of the Kingdom of God begin at home and depend on you. Parents lead the way.



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

HFE Chili Supper & Silent Auction Sunday, January 29th, 11:00 A.M.—4:00 P.M. MENU: chili, hot chicken sandwiches on homemade bun, relishes, choice of cinnamon roll or brownie, coffee 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. Something for everyone. The Silent Auction and games galore for kids of all ages with awesome prizes to win! 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.



First Friday Devotions: Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration in Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be held on Friday, February 3, 2023 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church from 12:00 to 1:00pm.

Stars & Stripes Breakfast on Sunday, February 12 from 7:30am to Noon at Hays VFW. All you can eat! A portion of advance ticket sales goes to DREAM Inc. Advance tickets are \$9.50, \$4.50 for children ages 5-12 and children under 5 eat for free. Call Jane Younger 785-259-3374, Molly Legleiter 785-259-3435 or Dream Inc office at 785-628-6655 for tickets.



St. Nicholas of Myra Blood Drive will be held on Monday, February 13 from Noon to 6pm at the St. Nicholas parish hall. Contact the St. Nicks parish office at 785-628-1446 to make an appointment.

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CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Rachel Wentling, Principal
(785) 625-3131



- Jan. 29 Chili Supper & Bazar 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- Jan 29 - Catholic Schools Week!
- Feb 3
- Feb. 3 All Catholic Schools Mass w/the Bishop 10 am
- Feb. 8 Early Release 1:15pm
- Papa Murphy's Fundraising 11 - 8

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!!!

Dear St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church,

Thank you so much for your generous giving toward the ECMA and the Second Mile Fund. We know that this has been a difficult year for many, which makes your giving all the more special. Because of your generous donations, 56 households (117 individuals) received assistance to remain in their homes and keep the lights on. Also, 110 individuals who were in transit and struggling with homelessness received assistance. The ECMA, through the Second Mile Fund, was able to give a total of \$25,791 in assistance to those in need. If you gave toward the Thanksgiving Fund collection, you also assisted s in blessing our community with 830 warm meals for the holiday. Your generosity made that happen! For that, we thank you and pray God's blessing in your lives in this new year.

In Christ's Love,
Rev. Sabian Chaney, ECMA Treasurer

St. Joseph Sacred Heart Room Do you have statues, palms, rosaries, prayerbooks, medals or relics that were given to you or that were your parents' and you just don't know what to do with them? Don't throw them away! Bring them in and let us take care of them. Broken rosaries will get repaired and find a new home, palms and other non repairable items will be buried. Many items will find a new home.

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." MATTHEW 5:3

The phrase "poor in spirit" can be confusing. Think of it in this sense – poor in spirit means depending on God's providence and not depending on our own self-reliance. Being detached from earthly things (power, money, and comfort) and being attached to heavenly things (charity, sacrifice, and mercy). Denying ourselves from satisfying our desires and helping others obtain their basic needs.

~ TODAY ~

There are only two days in the year that nothing can be done. One is called yesterday and the other is called tomorrow. So today is the right day to love, believe, do, and mostly to live.



THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN

Chad Meitner, Principal

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

- Jan 29 - Catholic Schools Week
- Feb 3

Theotokos Catholic Homeschool Co-op

If you have questions or need to rsvp (all events require rsvp) contact Samantha Baker at 785-639-3285 or 13sjbaker@gmail.com.

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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.

February 3, 2023

Join us Candlemas

and the Feast of

The Flame of Love



With Father Leo Blasi, Pastor and Chaplain of the Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Movement for the Diocese of Salina

Sacred Heart Church

206 North Washington Street • Plainville, Kansas

Beginning at 6:00 PM

Candle Lighting and Procession

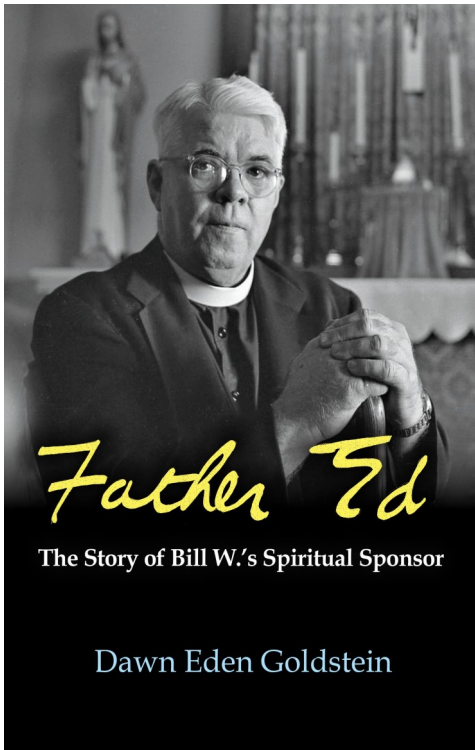
Mass

Blessing of Throats

“On the feast of Candlemas, my beloved sons will introduce the Flame of Love of my heart in procession, so that, in such fashion, it becomes a living fire in the hearts, in the souls. Everything must be prepared in such a way that it spreads like wildfire.”
Spiritual Diary of Elizabeth Kindlemann O.C.D.S pg 39

www.flameoflove.us





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.



Holy Family Elementary

would like to introduce our new early childhood preschool program...



Starting this August, we will be expanding our preschool offerings! We're thrilled to add a 3-year-old preschool program, as well as an extended daycare option for both 3 & 4-year-olds! Plus, our preschool program is expanding to 5 days a week, with a 5-day option for KinderPrep!

New Family Open House
January 19th @ 5:30pm in Cafeteria



- Take a tour
- Meet faculty & staff
- Hear from the principal
- View uniforms & technology
- Enjoy refreshments
- Sign your child up
- For children preschool-5th



For more details, head to our website at www.hfehays.org & click Precious Creations! To sign your child up for any grade, please complete the Prospective Family Form!