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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, March 20th, 2022 ~ Third Sunday of Lent

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. Mar 20	8:00 am	L/D Tony & Wilma Seib family
Wed. Mar 23	7:30 am	L/D Frank & Pauline Younker fam
Sun. Mar 27	8:00 am	L/D Ben & Margaret Brenner fam
Wed. Mar 30	7:30 am	L/D Alan & Juanita Stecklein fam

SERVERS

Sunday, March 20	Wyatt Gerstner & Makailyn Leiker
Sunday, March 27	Cali Richmeier & Rafe Richmeier

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, March 20	Jenalyn Leiker & Michelle Werth
Sunday, March 27	Peggy Richmeier & Bea Suppes

LECTORS	OFFERTORY GIFTS
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Sun. March 20	Lauren Moeder	Jeanette Pfannenstiel
Sun. March 27	Natalie Oborny	Brian Pfannenstiel

GREETERS

Sunday, March 20	Glenn & Rhonda Stramel
Sunday, March 27	Sid & Joanne Steinert

COLLECTION TEAM

Sunday, March 20

Nathan Leiker, John Moeder, Tony Rohr, Josh Waddell

Sunday, March 27

Brian Pfannenstiel, Ken Richmeier, Rich Ruder, Glenn Stramel

TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

Sunday, March 20	Linda Gross
Sunday, March 27	Herman & Rosie Leiker
Sunday, April 3	Darold & Evelyn Younker
Sunday, April 10	Ken & Peggy Richmeier

Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure

Envelopes	\$1,935.00
Loose	\$36.00
Parish Supper	\$660.00
Candles	\$21.00
Total	\$2,652.00



REFLECTION FROM DEACON STEVE URBAN

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15
 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12
 Luke 13:1-9

Revelation and response! In today's Scripture readings, especially in the first reading from Exodus, God reveals himself to Moses in a most profound manner. He also reveals his name and who he is, and then he invites a response from his servant Moses. God is the "I AM" the one who creates all being. God acts in Moses' world and demands a response from Moses. God is going to free this people Israel from slavery, but he needs Moses to act as his spokesperson. In the Gospel, Jesus reveals his kingdom and invites our response through a life of repentance. God always reveals himself freely to us. It is always his initiative. God always makes the first move toward us, but then God invites a response. During Lent, we take extra time to become aware of God's revelation in our daily lives and respond with love and obedience.

In the first reading from Exodus, Moses is running away because he killed an Egyptian and buried the man. He then comes to the mountain of Horeb while tending his father-in-law's flock. There on the mountain, God reveals himself in a most spectacular way in a flaming bush. Though on fire, the bush is not consumed. This is a sacred encounter between the human and the Holy. Therefore, God asks Moses to remove his sandals because this is no ordinary encounter. God has heard the cries of the Israelites in slavery in Egypt and has come to free them. He has chosen Moses to be his instrument in leading the people from bondage, but Moses is reluctant. Moses wants to know what name he is to use when telling the Israelites that the God of your fathers has sent him. Although Scripture's scholars debate what the actual words mean, the gist of the translation according to scholar Patricia Sanchez is that "He causes to be what comes into existence". God is the one who acts in the life of Moses and the Israelites. He reveals himself in his deeds especially in saving his people from bondage in Egypt.

In the Gospel, Jesus relates two tragic incidents in which a number of people are killed. In the first incident, because of Pilate's cruelty, a number of people are sacrificed. In the second one, eighteen people are killed when a tower crushes them to death. Jesus told these stories in light of the popular belief that those who suffered some sort of tragedy were being punished for some sin. Jesus denies this belief but instead encourages all to seize the moment and live a life of repentance. Whether there is tragedy or not, Jesus is calling all to renounce their sins and return to a right relationship with the Father. Jesus makes his point using the fig tree. Throughout Scripture, the fig tree was a symbol of Israel, God's chosen people. Normally it took three years for a fig tree to produce fruit. The three years have passed in the parable. Yet the gardener pleads his case to the owner that the tree should not be cut down. Instead the gardener says he will give the tree some extra tender loving care to see if he can reverse the tree's fruit production.

In the song "Glory and Praise to our God", the third verse says, "every moment of every day our God is waiting to save". God is also always seeking us--wanting us to come back to Him. In his mercy, He gives us opportunities and a second chance...a third chance...a fourth chance...and so on. Lent is that season to seize the moment and look

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deeply at our lives. It requires a response to God's invitation. It demands a response of faith and surrender to his mercy. Let's not squander the opportunities or be complacent. Instead let's heed St. Paul's word in the second reading, "Therefore whoever thinks he is standing secure should take care not to fall."

Ukraine Donations ~ We have received \$3,990.00 for the Humanitarian Relief Fund. If you have not already done so, please turn in donations by next Sunday. Thank you for your generosity and let us continue our prayers for all those affected.

Religious Education: Wednesday 7:00—8:00 p.m.



Stations of the Cross, Benediction & Confessions
Friday 7:00 p.m.
Volunteer servers appreciated.



We extend a warm welcome to Bill & Laura VonLintel, newest members of our parish faith-family.

Anointing of the Sick will take place after Mass on Sunday, April 3.

Next week our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ's Love to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

The Worldwide Synod: The first phase of the two-year synod called by Pope Francis is happening in local dioceses throughout the world. The goal of the synod is to become a more "listening" Church. A listening session will be held at St. Nicholas Parish Hall, March 20th, at 3pm Anyone is invited to participate.

A Family Perspective ...by Bud Ozar

The owner of the fig tree was impatient because the tree did not live up to his expectations. In families there are those who don't live up to our expectations. Imitate the gardener and give them more time and help. Don't cut them out of your life. Love asks us to be connected, not productive.



Fish Fry

The Victoria K of C Fish Fries will once again offer dine-in service. Carry out is available. We will be serving deep fried Pollock, fried noodles and beans, coleslaw, baked potatoes, bread and drink. Cost will be \$15 for adults and \$5 for children. Next date April 1. We will begin serving at 5pm and serve until 7:30pm, or until the food is gone. Location is the Victoria VFW Hall.

IHM CYO & St. Mary's K of C Fish Fry Friday, March 25th 4 - 7pm or until food is sold out. HFE Little Theater. Menu fish, fried noodles and beans, coleslaw, dinner roll & drinks. \$15.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children younger than age 12. All proceeds go to the Immaculate Heart of Mary CYO for their programs.

Munior K of C Fish Fry Friday April 8th 5-7 pm
Menu: Fried Fish, Noodles & Beans, & Grebbel.
Dine in or to go orders welcome. Munior School.

St. Joseph's Parish is hosting their annual Meatless Soups/Breads on Friday's during Lent in the Kennedy School Cafeteria from 5 to 6:30pm.



Prayer Requests: Terry Hauschel, Theo Leiker, Mike Suppes, Chris Brull, Matt Shorman, Carole Carter, Parishioners in Health Care Facilities.
Drop requests in the collection basket or let Lilly know.

Let Lilly know when the intention can be removed.

March – Learn about *Labeling for Lent*, a national initiative of the Coalition of Catholic Organizations against Human Trafficking; include human trafficking issues in your prayers in church and with other groups; contribute to help abolish this crime. U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking is a 501 c (3) organization, (sistersagainsttrafficking.org)



Faith and Family with host Steve Wood uses his background in protestant preaching to dive into Scripture to teach the meaning behind the words found in the Bible. Tune in to 105.7 FM, online at dvmercy.com, or on the free phone app at 8:30 AM on Saturdays.



The mission of the Church is to go out and make disciples.

The Salina Diocese has that same mission – to be disciples who make disciples through witnessing by faith, hope and love. The primary way that mission is funded is through the Bishop's Annual Appeal – Call to Share. Please prayerfully consider joining in the mission. • Make your gift online at join.salinadiocese.org • Mail a check to Catholic Foundation for Diocese of Salina (memo: Bishop's Annual Appeal – Call to Share) | P.O. Box 1696, Salina, KS 67402-1696 • Learn more at salinadiocese.org/office/catholicfoundation-for-diocese-of-salina

Hays High Chamber Singers Spring Concert on Saturday, March 26, at 7pm, at St. Joseph Church. Featuring music of Gabriela Lena Frank and a world premiere commission by Michael Davidson.

St. Nicholas of Myra Blood Drive will be held on Monday, April 11, from noon to 6pm, at St. Nicholas Parish Hall. Please contact the Parish Office at 785-628-1446, to make an appointment.

The PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL 1805 Vine IHM Church The Adoration Chapel is open 24 hours a day 7 days a week and Jesus is waiting for you. Following are the times available and names, time responsible and phone numbers of the Archangels. Time slots available:
Thursday 12:00am / Saturday 10:00am

Gracious God, we pray for all persons suffering from war. May they be held in your loving care and protection and given the strength to endure great suffering and hardship. Transform the hearts and minds of all those who perpetuate violence and oppression. Grant wisdom to world leaders in advancing efforts toward world peace; may they not be compromised by self-interest and blind indifference. We ask all this through the intercession of Our Lady, Queen of Peace and in the name of your Son Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.



Prayer For Moisture

O God, in whom we live and move and have our being, grant us sufficient rain/snow, so that, being supplied with what sustains us in this present life, we may seek more confidently what sustains us for eternity. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Rachel Wentling, Principal
(785) 625-3131

- March 23 McDonald's Neighbor Night 5 - 8 pm
March 24 Father's Mass - 8:00 am
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THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN

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

Host Families for International Students Having an international student live with you is more than just having a roommate. Having a student in your home is your chance to teach them about how you live and celebrate national holidays. Things that you can learn from an international student cannot be taught from a textbook such as meal etiquette. If you are interested in becoming a Host Family please call Michele Springer at 785-259-3083.

AUCTION FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ACE 2022 is back with a full in-person oral auction on Sat. April 30th in the Al Billinger Fieldhouse at TMP-M. Online bidding for silent items will begin Friday 4/29 at 9:00 AM and conclude throughout the evening on Saturday. Only ticketed guests will be able to bid on the oral auction items. Tickets to attend the auction are still available by contacting the Alumni Office at 785-625- 9434. Gifts to Item #60, raffles and tickets to attend are also available at [https://www.hayscatholicschools.org/ page/ace-2022](https://www.hayscatholicschools.org/page/ace-2022)

In Bangladesh, cyclones and other natural disasters are increasing—destroying farms, homes and more—making it difficult for people like Noornobi to earn a living and support their families. But Noornobi has learned new techniques to protect his land and income, enabling his niece and nephew to go to school. Visit crsricebowl.org

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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.

Our Lady Help of Christians - Antonino

St. Anthony - Schoenchen

Lent - Holy Week - Easter

In the Heartland Parishes

Immaculate Heart of Mary - Hays

St. Nicholas of Myra - Hays

Wednesday, March 2, Ash Wednesday

Catherine - 7:00pm

Comeau Catholic Campus Center -

IHM - 8:00am (HFE), 12:05pm, 5:30pm (English), 7:30pm (Spanish)

Munjor - 7:00pm

St. Joseph - 6:30am, 12:05pm, 7:00pm

St. Nicholas - 12:15pm, 5:30pm

Friday, March 4

IHM - 7:00pm English Stations, 8:00pm Spanish

Munjor - Stations 7:00pm

St. Joseph - Meatless/Bread Soup Supper 5:00pm, Stations 6:30pm

St. Nicholas - Adoration 8:00am-7:00pm/Stations & Confession 7pm

Wednesday, March 9

Catharine - Stations of the Cross 6:30pm

Friday, March 11

IHM - 7:00pm English Stations, 8:00pm Spanish

Munjor - Stations & Confession 7:00pm

St. Joseph - Meatless/Bread Soup Supper 5:00pm, Stations 6:30pm

St. Nicholas - Adoration 8:00am-7:00pm/Stations & Confession 7pm

Wednesday, March 16

Catharine - Stations of the Cross 6:30pm

Friday, March 18

IHM - 7:00pm English Stations, 8:00pm Spanish

Munjor - Stations 7:00pm

St. Joseph - Meatless/Bread Soup Supper 5:00pm, Stations 6:30pm

St. Nicholas - Adoration 8:00am-7:00pm/Stations & Confession 7pm

Saturday, March 19

St. Joseph - St Joseph Day, Solemnity Mass at 5:00pm

Wednesday, March 23

Catharine - Stations of the Cross 6:30pm

Friday, March 25

IHM - 7:00pm English Stations, 8:00pm Spanish

Munjor - Stations & Confession 7:00pm

St. Joseph - Meatless/Bread Soup Supper 5:00pm, Stations 6:30pm

St. Nicholas - Adoration 8:00am-7:00pm/Stations & Confession 7pm

Sunday, March 27

IHM - Communal Reconciliation Service 3:00pm

Wednesday, March 30

Catharine - Stations of the Cross 6:30pm

Friday, April 1

IHM - 7:00pm English Stations, 8:00pm Spanish

Munjor - Stations 7:00pm

St. Joseph - Meatless/Bread Soup Supper 5:00pm, Stations 6:30pm

St. Nicholas - Adoration 8:00am-7:00pm/Stations & Confession 7pm

Sunday, April 3

St. Joseph - Communal Reconciliation Service 3:00pm

Tuesday, April 5

St. Nicholas - Communal Penance Service 6:30pm

Wednesday, April 6

Catharine - Stations of the Cross 6:30pm

Munjor - Communal Penance Service 7:00pm