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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

Sun. Mar 12 8:00 am L/D Herman & Rosie Leiker fam
 Wed. Mar 15 7:30 am +Dan Pfeifer
 Sun. Mar 19 8:00 am +Nick & Almeda Stecklein
 Wed. Mar 22 7:30 am +Alicia Brull

SERVERS

Sunday, March 12 Cali Richmeier & Rafe Richmeier
 Sunday, March 19 Jacob Leiker & Makailyn Leiker

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, March 12 Jenalyn Leiker & John Moeder
 Sunday, March 19 Josh Waddell & Michelle Werth

LECTORS OFFERTORY GIFTS

Sun. Mar 12 Lilly Binder Josh & Tina Waddell
 Sun. Mar 19 Nathan Leiker Sid & Joanne Steinert

GREETERS

Sunday, March 12 John & Natalie Oborny
 Sunday, March 19 Brian Pfannenstiel

COLLECTION TEAM

Sunday, March 12

Nathan Leiker, Donovan Richmeier, Tony Staley, Darold Younker

Sunday, March 19

Tony Rohr, Rich Ruder, Caleb Staley, Randy Werth

TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

Sunday, March 12 Herman & Rosie Leiker
 Sunday, March 19 Tony & Patty Rohr
 Sunday, March 26 Darold & Evelyn Younker
 Sunday, April 2 Aaron & Kolleen Dome

Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure	
Envelopes	\$2,017.00
Loose	\$160.00
Total	\$2,177.00



REFLECTION FROM DEACON STEVE URBAN

Exodus 17:3-7
 Romans 5:1-2,5-8
 John 4:5-42

Even though we don't have any catechumens, we will be using the Cycle A Readings from the Gospel of John that correspond to the Scrutinies celebrated on the third, fourth, and fifth Sundays of Lent. The Scrutinies are rites of soul-searching and repentance. These rites are meant to uncover the demons in our lives and to seek healing. In the early Church, all physical maladies were signs of demons. So if you had blemishes or skin rash, these were manifestations of demons and had to be gotten rid of. Therefore, the Scrutinies were meant to scrutinize those who were preparing for baptism by looking both externally and internally to see what needed to be exorcised. Through the prayer of the Church, an exorcism takes place to rid the demons found in those preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation. Since one of the purposes of Lent is that all the faithful might recall their baptism, all of us need to interiorly participate in the Scrutinies. Each one of us needs to look deep inside and see what demons are controlling our lives and then pray, fast, and do good works to eradicate or exorcise these demons. Today's Gospel from John reveals how Jesus led this woman of Samaria to face her demons and to drink from the springs of eternal life found in him. May we follow the example of this woman of Samaria and find the waters of baptism to be life-giving.

Our first reading from Exodus sets the stage for what we will uncover in today's Gospel. The Israelites have been freed from bondage in Egypt. God through his prophet Moses led the people out of slavery in Egypt through the Red Sea and safely into the desert. But the desert is a place of harshness and many demons. The people of Israel are both thirsty and hungry. In their need, they complain and cry out to Moses asking why he led them from the safety and comfort of Egypt into this forsaken desert. If only they were back in Egypt, they would have plenty of water and nourishment. They test God and his servant Moses failing to realize how God was watching over everything they did. God then provides for their thirst by giving them water from the rock. Throughout the Scriptures thirst for water reveals the deeper need to find fulfillment in God alone. How often we moan and complain seeking some physical pleasure or comfort when instead we really long for God's presence and love.

In the Gospel from John, Jesus meets the woman of Samaria at noon. From the beginning, we know that all is not right with this woman. First, women in Jesus' day would draw water with each other not by themselves. Secondly, they would not have come to the well at noon, one of the hottest times of day. But Jesus uses these miscues to invite this woman to face her sinfulness and come to the healing waters that he can provide. Jesus gently calls this woman to repentance and to see that he, and he only, can satisfy her thirst. From the early days of the Church, this reading has been used for those preparing for baptism because the waters of baptism are the waters that Jesus provides to bring us from sin back to life and relationship with ourselves and the community of believers.

What are we thirsting for in our lives? What will satisfy the deepest thirst in our world? Are we like this Samaritan woman chasing after things and pleasure that give only temporary or passing gratification? This Sunday of Lent, as we begin the Gospels of the Scrutinies, let's take time to examine and scrutinize our lives and face where we are going and what demons have led us astray. Jesus gently invites us to return to relationship with him, and he gives us the refreshing waters of baptism to strengthen us and guide us to life in this world and eternal life in the next.

~ Deacon Steve

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.

Religious Education: NO CLASS ~ Spring Break!



**Stations of the Cross & Benediction
Friday 6pm Volunteer servers appreciated!**

Thank you to all who have given so generously to the 2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, there is still time to participate. You can return your pledge card in the offertory basket; mail it to Bishop's Annual Appeal, PO Box 1696, Salina KS 67402 or give online at join.salinadiocese.org.

Reminder and/or information to new parishioners. Regarding the envelope in your weekly offering boxes for *Parish Supper*. The Parish Supper along with the Oktoberfest were major fund-raisers for our parish. We discontinued both of these events years ago with the hope that parishioners 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!



Mike Suppes, Matt Shorman, Rick Werth, Carol Legleiter, Special Intentions, Helen Werth, Becky Robben, Maya Gottschalk, Stan 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

Sun., 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 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.



Munjor K of C Fish Fry

Friday March 31, 5-7 pm in the Munjor School Gym.
Menu: Fried Fish, Noodles & Beans, & Grebbel.
Free will offering. All proceeds go to the Salina Diocese Seminarian Fund.
Dine in or to go orders welcome.

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

ServSafe Food Handler Class will be on Monday, March 20, from 1:30 to 4:30pm, at 601 Main St., Hays. Training covers basic food safety, personal hygiene, preventing cross-contamination, food allergens, time and temperature controls and cleaning and sanitation. Fee includes ServSafe Food Handler Guide book and a snack. A certificate of attendance is provided to each participant present for the entire class. Register and pay the \$15 registration fee by March 17. For more information contact Monique at moniquek@ksu.edu or call 785-628-9430.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Rachel Wentling, Principal
(785) 625-3131

- Mar 13 –17 NO SCHOOL—Spring Break
- March 20 Home & School Meeting 7 pm
- March 21 New Parent Information Night 5:30 pm
- March 23 Father’s Mass 8:00 am IHM

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

- Mar 13 –17 NO SCHOOL
Spring Break

Theotokos Catholic Homeschool Co-op

Samantha Baker 785-639-3285 *RSVP required*

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

“Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again.”
” John 4:13

Jesus reminds us that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us over the long run. When we build our lives around material possessions we will always want more and no amount will ever satisfy our desire. True joy and peace only comes when we follow Jesus - when we become more “God-centered” and less “self-centered.”



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



Father, help me to see this holy season of Lent as a time of spiritual renewal, rather than a time of deprivation. Motivate me to reach a new level of experiencing your grace.

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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.