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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



Mass Intentions

Sun. Feb 20 8:00 am L/D Wilbert & Mary Ann Gross fam.

Wed. Feb 23 >>> NO MASS <<<

8:00 am +Donald P. Werth Sun. Feb 27

Wed. Mar 2 7:00 pm L/D Benjamin & Diana Dome family

SERVERS

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

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, Feb 20 Bea Suppes

Sunday, Feb 27 Peggy Richmeier & Glenn Stramel

LECTORS

OFFERTORY GIFTS

Sun. Feb 20 Ernie Binder Jeff & Wendy Richmeier Sun. Feb 27 Valerie Dome Donovan Richmeier

GREETERS

Sunday, Feb 20 Tony & Patty Rohr Sunday, Feb 27 Ken & Peggy Richmeier

COLLECTION TEAM

Sunday, February 20

Mark Leiker, John Oborny, Gary Staab, Caleb Staley Sunday, February 27

Kenny Pfannenstiel, Donovan & Jeff Richmeier, Randy Werth

TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

Sunday, Feb 20 Mark & Dora Leiker Sunday, Feb 27 Jason & Rose Carter Sunday, Mar 6 Ernie & Lilly Binder Sunday, Mar 13 Tony & Patty Rohr

Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure

Envelopes \$1,555.00 Loose

\$87.00

Total \$1,642.00



REFLECTION FROM DEACON STEVE URBAN

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 1 Corinthians 15:45-49 Luke 6:27-38

"Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you!" I believe this is one of the most difficult passages in Scripture to follow. I also hold that this passage is one that the Church and many Christians have missed the mark on most frequently. While we can adhere to the command to attend Sunday Mass and follow the precepts of the Church, this command to love our enemies requires the greatest surrender and reliance on God's mercy. It is easy to befriend and love those who are like ourselves and agree with us, but it is very difficult to possibly like, but hardly ever love, those who hurt and hate us. In today's first reading, David shows us in a concrete way how to respect and love someone who hates us and wants to harm us. And in today's Gospel, Jesus fleshes out for us what it means to be one of his followers, and what it will require for us to follow in his footsteps. It all comes down to how we love and who we love. And who we love must include our enemies.

In the first reading from 1 Samuel, King Saul is pursuing David because of jealousy and hatred. David's popularity among the Israelites has grown, and Saul is determined to put David away. Saul, using his vast army, is in pursuit of David into the desert of Ziph. David is making it difficult on Saul because in the desert he is using guerilla warfare. In today's passage, David comes upon Saul who is sleeping, and instead of taking revenge, David spares Saul's life. This sleep is no ordinary slumber, but is similar to the divinely induced sleep which Adam and Abraham both experienced. In other words, God caused Saul to fall into a deep sleep. David could have easily taken Saul's life and would have been justified because of Saul's ill treatment toward David. David shows mercy toward Saul, and imitates Jesus' love toward his enemies. Even though Saul might deserve death, David knows that Saul is the Lord's anointed and spares his life. In this concrete example from the Old Testament, we see how we are to love those who hurt and hate us.

In today's Gospel, Jesus lays out his teachings and his vision of what his kingdom is to be. In his kingdom, love and non-violence are to be the hallmarks, not hatred and revenge. Jesus is crystal clear that if we want to follow him we must love our enemies and do good to those who mistreat us. This is radical Gospel living. While certain Greek writers advocated loving enemies as a form of virtue, Jesus made love of enemies a command. Loving those we consider our enemies is imitating God himself who loves and forgives those who are kind to him and those who are ungrateful and wicked to him. If we need role models or examples to follow, we need not look any farther than the apostles, saints and martyrs. In story after story, the twelve apostles, saints and martyrs showed compassion, forgiveness, and love to those who harmed and hated them.

These lived out in a concrete way Jesus' command to love all people, good or bad, friend or foe, those deserving of our mercy or those not.

So how do we come to love our enemies and those who hate us? Maybe, it starts first with loving the enemy inside of ourselves. Father Richard Rohr says that what we don't deal with in ourselves we project onto other people. He says we either deal with and address the pain inside of us, or we project it onto other people. In other words, have we made peace with those areas within us that we dislike or hate? Have we forgiven those things in our hearts that we did wrong or dislike about ourselves? Have we made peace with the enemy inside us? Jesus came to redeem and heal all the pain, hurt, and sin within us. He did it once and for all when he died on the cross and rose to a new life. Let's follow his example.

~ Deacon Steve

Christian Mothers Meeting following Mass February 20th.

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

K of C Meeting: Monday, February 28th 7:00 p.m.

<u>Please Note</u>: Due to the Parish Mission at St. Nicholas February $20^{th} - 23^{rd}$, we will not have Wednesday morning Mass here on Feb. 23^{rd} . There will be Mass at St. Nicholas each evening of the Parish Mission at 7:00 p.m.



2022 HEARTLAND PARISH MISSION

February 19th – 23rd St. Nicholas of Myra

Theme: The Main Thing is to Keep the Main Thing... The Main Thing.

FEATURING: FR. RICHARD GIELOW ~ Vincentian

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

- > 7:00 p.m. Mass and extended homilies.
- ➤ Social gathering each evening following the Mission.
- ➤ Babysitting provided

We remember Norine Leiker in our prayers. May Eternal rest be hers and the knowledge of our prayers and support give her family peace.

Adoration Chapel needs someone to cover the 10 to 11am and 12 to 1pm, on Saturdays. Contact Geri Rupp at 785-639-5588.

CYO Spaghetti Dinner Sunday, February 20th HFE Little Theater

MENU Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce Italian Sausage Garden

Salad Garlic Bread Assorted Dessert Items

Lunch: 11:00AM-1:30PM Supper: 4:30PM-7:00PM

COST \$10.00 Adults \$5.00 Children ages 5-12

RAFFLE DRAWINGS @ 7:00pm

A Luncheon will be held Sunday Feb. 20th, at the VFW Hall in Victoria from 11am to 1pm. Homemade Chicken Noodle Soup; Homemade Green Bean Dumpling; Chili Soup; Sloppy Joe Sandwich; Hot Dog; dessert and drink Adults \$8.00; Children 10 and under \$5.00 Carry outs available.

Pre-Lenten Retreat: "Living in a World that has Turned from God" by Mother Miriam Her mission is to bring hope to a world that has lost its way! Don't miss your opportunity to hear from a very inspirational presenter who will explain how the Old & New Testament Saints were facing the same troubles that we face. How we can unlock the mysteries of the Sacraments and the Blessed Mother's guidance, by understanding all the "Treasures" given to us as Catholics. Sat. Feb 26, at the Cathedral's Hall of Bishops, from 9am to 3pm, \$25 includes lunch. Men & college age are welcome to register! RSVP call Marlene 785-342- 0130 or salinacda@gmail.com

Schoenchen K of C hosting a stag, at the Community Center building in Schoenchen on Fat Tuesday March 1st Social Hour at 5pm, Supper at 6pm. \$15 per person. For tickets contact Eric Dexter 656-3454 or Tim Dickman 656-3000.

Engaged Couples participate in *BELOVED*, a one-day seminar for engaged couples that looks into the long-term commitment of marriage and working through challenges as a couple. The BELOVED series explores the spirituality, sexuality, and many issues facing couples. The next seminar is Saturday, March 26, from 8:30am to 4:00pm, at IHM Parish. Pre-registration is required. Contact Nancy Urban at nancyurban44@gmail.com (785-628-2009) or Susan Kisner at skisner@ihm-church.com (785-625-7339)

Prayer Request

Special Intentions, 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.



Bishop Robert Barron of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles hosts "The Word on Fire Show." The trusted clarity of Bishop Barron illustrates the

truth, goodness, and beauty of Catholicism. Tune in to 105.7 FM, online at dvmercy.com, or on the free phone app. Show times are 8 AM and 3:30 PM on Saturdays and 10:30 AM on Sundays.

A Family Perspective ...by Bud Ozar

In studying the effects of religion upon family relationships, researchers inform us hostility and prayer can't coexist. You cannot be hostile toward someone for whom you are praying. Today's gospel encourages us: "Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who treat you badly."

<u>February</u> – February 8 is the Feast of St Josephine Bakhita, patroness of kidnapped and trafficked children. Situations caused by Covid-19 have pushed traffickers online and out of sight, making the exploitation of children more convenient. U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking is a 501 c (3) organization, 2039 N Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131 (sistersagainsttrafficking.org)

Attention Adults!

Please join us for *Ora et Labora: Pray and Work* an experience of building community and assisting our neighbors in the area with tasks such as painting, cleaning the garage, lawn work, etc. We will have a guest speaker, share meals, pray & build friendships. When: Evening of March 31- April 2, 2022. Registration deadline: March 1st Register on-line at Immaculate Heart of Mary website. Questions: Call Sister Beverly @ 785-625-7339.

Never forget yesterday,
But always live for today...
Because you never know what
tomorrow can bring,
or what it can take away..

CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Rachel Wentling, Principal 625-3131

Feb 21 NO SCHOOL – Inservice Day

Feb 22 Parent Teacher Conferences, 4:00-7:00 p.m. (by appointment only)

(by appointment only)
Feb 24 Spring Picture Day (Free Dress Day)

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(by appointment only)

Feb 25 NO SCHOOL



THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN

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

Mon. Feb. 21: No School

4pm - 8:30pm Student-Led Conferences

Tues. Feb. 22: 4:30pm (HS) Basketball at Plainville Wed. Feb. 23: (JH) MCEL Music Festival at Norton Thurs. Feb. 24: 4pm - 6pm Student-Led Conferences

6:15pm - Softball Player/Parent Meeting

Fri. Feb. 25: No School

TMP – M Still Seeking a Custodian / Maintenance Employee. Currently looking for a maintenance employee to assist in the cleaning and maintaining of the school. Interested candidates should contact Tom Kisner, Operations Director, by email at kisnert@tmpmarian.org or by phone at 785-625-6577.

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.

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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.