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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. Dec 8	8:00 am	Special Intention
Mon. Dec 9	6:00 pm	L/D Benjamin & Diana Dome fam
Wed. Dec 11	7:30 am	L/D Tony & Patty Rohr fam
Sun Dec 15	8:00 am	+Ron Ruder
Wed. Dec 18	7:30 am	Poor Souls in Purgatory

SERVERS

Sun Dec 8	Jacob Leiker & Logan Leiker
Mon Dec 9	Makailyn Leiker & Rexton Leiker
Sun Dec 15	Cali Richmeier & Rafe Richmeier

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sun Dec 8	Lauren M, Peggy R, Glenn S, Rhonda S.
Mon Dec 9	Jenalyn L, Nathan L, Amy P, Michelle W.
Sun Dec 15	Lilly B, John M, Tony S, Deacon Steve

LECTORS OFFERTORY GIFTS

Sun Dec 8	Brian Pfannenstiel	Alan & Juanita Stecklein
Mon Dec 9	Julie Richmeier	Volunteers
Sun Dec 15	Josh Waddell	Frank & Paulette Seib

GREETERS

Sun Dec 8	Jerry & Sylvia Gross
Mon Dec 9	Linda Gross
Sun Dec 15	Wilbert Gross

COLLECTION TEAM

Sunday, December 8

Wilbert Gross, Blake Leiker, David Leiker, John Oborny

Sunday, December 15

Jerry Gross, Brian Pfannenstiel, Glenn Stramel, Randy Werth

TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

Sunday, December 8	Linda Gross
Sunday, December 15	Darold & Evelyn Younker
Sunday, December 22	Jason & Rose Carter

Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure

Envelopes	\$2,416.00
Loose	\$61.00
Total	\$2,477.00



FROM THE DESK OF CODY MARINTZER

Excerpts from: A Primer on Peace
Msgr. Stuart Swetland • 3/1/2007

Nothing ought to rob us of our peace. This is the main point of *Searching for and Maintaining Peace: A Small Treatise on Peace of Heart*, a book written by Fr. Jacques Philippe, a French priest working in Rome. It is the type of essay one can return to again and again for solace and motivation. In it, Fr. Philippe boldly proclaims, "The reasons why we lose our peace are always bad reasons" because God gives his peace as a gift to those who entrust themselves to him. As Jesus told his disciples: "Peace I leave with you, my own peace I give you; a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Let not your hearts be troubled or afraid" (John 14:27). This peace is no superficial freedom from conflicts or difficulties, but a deep, abiding inner peace that comes from union with and confidence in God.

Since peace is God's gift, we ought not to let anything disturb it. As St. Paul wrote: "If God is for us, who can be against us? ... Who could ever separate us from the love of Christ?" (Rom. 8:31, 35). However, most Christians know how easy it is to lose one's sense of peace.

But any reason that causes us to lose our peace is a bad reason. What are these "bad reasons"? Fr. Philippe highlights four in particular:

- The troubles of life and the fear of being without:* How often this can disturb our peace! But we must remember God's Providence. God always provides! "Stop worrying over questions like 'What are we to eat?' or 'What are we to wear?'" The unbelievers are always running after these things. Your heavenly Father knows all that you need. Seek first his kingship over you, his way of holiness, and all these things will be given you besides" (Matt. 6:31-33).
- Others' faults and shortcomings:* Oh, how we let others' actions affect us! Someone cuts in line or in traffic, looks at us funny, or says something we disagree with, and our peace is gone. But if we let others agitate us so, we give away our freedom and self-control to them. We empower them to determine how we are. This denies one of God's greatest gifts to us: free will. Our peace should not depend on others.
- Our own faults and shortcomings:* My favorite bumper sticker is the one that reads, "Be patient with me, God isn't through yet." One of the most difficult spiritual traits to acquire is patience. We need patience with ourselves and with others. After all, we are to imitate God who is patient with us. "Be patient, therefore, my brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer awaits the precious yield of the soil" (Jas. 5:7).
- The fear of suffering:* Perhaps this is the largest obstacle to seeking and maintaining inner peace. Yes, to love in this imperfect world full of sin means to suffer. But suffering is inevitable. To love is to suffer, but to choose not to love entails an even greater suffering. What we must remember is that God will never test us beyond our means. As my mother taught me, "The will of God will never lead you where the grace of God cannot keep you." Paul reminded the Romans of the infallibility of God's providence for those who love and follow God when he wrote, "All things work together for good for those who love God and are called according to his purpose" (Rom. 8:28).



Feast of the Immaculate Conception. As the Feast of the Immaculate Conception normally falls on December 8th, this year December 8th will be celebrated as the Second Sunday of Advent. **The Feast of the Immaculate Conception has been moved to Monday, December 9th as a Holy Day of Obligation our Mass is Monday at 6:00 p.m.**

Pictorial Directories are here and will be handed out after Mass on Sunday to those who had their pictures taken. Every effort was taken to be as accurate as possible. If you find an error or omission, please let Lilly know and that information will be posted in the bulletin to update your directory.

Anointing of the Sick will be administered at Mass next Sunday, December 15th.

Confessions & Holy Hour here at St. Francis of Assisi next Sunday, December 15th beginning at 2:00.



2025 CALENDARS are available at the entrances. Please extend a thank you to Hyle and Ann Hugunin, Hays Memorial Chapel for making these calendars available.

Retirement Fund for Religious - Support those who have a lifetime. Women and men religious have dedicated their lives to service – praying, teaching, and caring for those in need – usually for little to no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your donation provides for the essential care, medicine, and daily needs of thousands of senior women and men religious. Please give generously.

Traveling Chalice for Vocations. Recently it was decided to take a pause in this ministry and have it available during Advent & Lent. After these two liturgical seasons if there is a renewed interest, it may once again be done weekly. Let us continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.



Mike Suppes, Special Intentions, Becky Robben, Maya Gottschalk, 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

STARS and STRIPES BREAKFAST at the VFW, 22nd and Vine St, Dec. 8, from 7:30am to noon. Advance tickets sold benefits the St. Nicholas Ladies Guild. For tickets contact Clare Gustin at 785-635-3511. Advance tickets are \$11.50 for Adults, \$6.50 for Children, under 5 are Free

Soup Luncheon and Bingo sponsored by the Gorham Community Development Association will be on Dec. 8, at 11am, at the Gorham Senior Center. Green Bean & Dumpling, Chicken & Noodle, Chili, Cinnamon Rolls, Coffee & Hot Cocoa. \$8 per person, 5 and under free. \$15 per quart, Cinnamon Rolls \$3 each / half dozen \$15. Carry out available. Bingo will start at 1pm and Santa will arrive around 1:30pm. Photos with Santa available. All proceeds will go towards the Gorham splash pad!

National Night of Prayer

Asking each of you to pray to the Holy Spirit discerning your degree of involvement in the National Night of Prayer for Life. This is held across our nation on December 8th. The focus of our prayer will be asking Our Blessed Mother to protect Life and the Family, to renew the Church, establish Peace, and inspire Courage in the soul of our nation. This is a tri-parish and Comeau Catholic Campus Center event being held at St. Nicholas this year. It will start with Eucharistic Exposition at 7pm, and continue with prayer and praises, hymns, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the Rosary, prayer to St Michael, and more. This event spans all four time zones uniting our country in prayer. The evening will end with Benediction at 10pm.

The “Little Town of Bethlehem” nativity at St. Boniface Catholic Church, Vincent will be open for visitors on Sundays Dec. 8th, 15th, 22nd, as well as Christmas Day. All times are 1-5pm. Appointments can also be made at any other time by calling Carol at 785-[735-9282](tel:735-9282). St. Boniface Catholic Church is located 5.5 miles south of Victoria and two miles east.

CHRISTMAS BANQUET - The Sunflower Chapter of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia will be having their annual Christmas Banquet on Sunday, Dec. 15, at Noon at the Kennedy Cafeteria. Tickets are \$20.00 a plate for a traditional German meal. This fundraiser helps the local chapter in various ways. The guest speaker is Dr. Eric Schmaltz from Northwestern Oklahoma State University, professor of History and Social Studies Department Chair. His talk will be on “Germans from Russia Holiday Traditions.” To purchase a meal ticket, contact Kevin at the St. Joseph Parish office, or text at 785-656-0329. Tickets must be purchased no later than Dec. 9.



FHSU Cathedral Christmas Concert Sunday, December 8th 3:30 p.m. in the “Cathedral of the Plains” The Basilica of St. Fidelis. The concert is free and open to the public.

The end of the calendar year is fast approaching. If you are considering a year-end donation, please keep St. Francis of Assisi Parish in mind. These unexpected donations and your ongoing support are greatly appreciated. May the Lord bless you abundantly for your generosity.

BIBLE REFLECTION ~ STEWARDSHIP GOAL

“And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value...” (PHILIPPIANS 1:9-10) During the Christmas shopping season it is easy to get caught up in the frenzy of buying gifts. But, is that “gift” truly an expression of your love for the other person. Or, are you just fulfilling your “obligation” to give them something? To grow in friendship with someone, you need to spend time with them and learn what is of value to them. Maybe this year, buy less “stuff” and spend more time with those you love.

Family Perspective ...Bud Ozar

Today’s gospel shows John the Baptist and parents have similar vocations. Like the Baptist, parents are asked to make “rough ways smooth” and to “prepare the way of the Lord” for their families. This Advent ask: “Does my life hinder or help my family to know Jesus?”



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CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Mandy Meagher Principal
(785) 625-3131

- Dec 9 Holy Day Mass 8:00
Mary’s Baby Shower
- Dec 12 December Birthday Mass & Lunch
- Dec 16 Reconciliation Grades 3rd - 5th

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!



THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN

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

- Dec 9 7—8:30 pm (HS/JH) Christmas Concert
- Dec 11 8 am (HS) Space Science Field Trip to the Cosmosphere

Here are the main income sources for Hays Catholic Schools:

- **Parish Subsidy:** These funds come directly from each parish. It is based on a set percentage of a parish’s income. The amount fluctuates as a parish’s income fluctuates.
- **St. Thomas More Society:** This is the annual fundraising campaign from the Advancement Office. The goal is \$650,000.
- **Student Fees:** These are the fees paid directly by the family of each student attending Hays Catholic Schools. Current fees: \$1,440 at Holy Family and \$1,975 at TMP.
- **Endowment:** TMP’s Endowment can contribute up to 5.5% of its’ value. This percentage is set by law. The Endowment is currently valued at \$8 million.
- The federal money obtained during the COVID pandemic helped us in the past. But those funds are no longer available.
- We are using funds from the 2024 ACE Auction Item #160 to cover current expenses.
- Hays Catholic Schools has about \$1.0 million in unrestricted cash right now.

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.

2024 - Advent/Christmas Schedule - 2025

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

December 3, 2024 - (Tues.)

St. Nicholas - Advent Adoration/Confessions, 7:00pm

December 8, 2024 - (Sun.)

St. Nicholas - National Night of Prayer 7pm - 10pm

December 9, 2024 - (Mon.) Immaculate Conception

CCC - Confessions 8:30-9:00, Mass 9:15pm

Catherine - 7:00pm

IHM - 6:45am, 8:00am HFE

IHM - 5:30pm (English), 7:30pm Spanish

Munjor - 6:00pm

Schoenchen - 7:00pm

St. Joseph - 6:30am, 12:05pm, 5:30pm

St. Nicholas - 7:00am, 12:10pm

December 10, 2024 - (Tues.)

St. Nicholas - Advent Adoration/Confessions, 7:00pm

December 11, 2024 - (Wed.)

IHM - 10:00pm rosary/Rosario, 11:00pm. Danza & 12:00am
Mananitas following with bread and chocolate.

December 12, 2024 - (Thurs.), Our Lady of Guadalupe

IHM - 5:00pm Carava/Vehicle Procession, 5:00pm Danza,

IHM - 6:30pm Mass/Misa with Fiesta following in the Parish
Hall in the church basement.

December 15, 2024 - Third Sunday of Advent

IHM - Communal Reconciliation Service. 3:00pm

Munjor - Holy Hour/Confessions, 2:00pm

December 16, 2024 - (Mon.)

IHM - Posadas at 7:00 p.m. in the HFE Activity Center

December 17, 2024 - (Tues.)

St. Nicholas - Advent Adoration/Confessions, 7:00pm

IHM - Posadas at 7:00 p.m. in the HFE Activity Center

December 18, 2024 - (Wed.)

IHM - Posadas at 7:00 p.m. in the HFE Activity Center

December 19, 2024 - (Thur.)

IHM - Posadas at 7:00 p.m. in the HFE Activity Center

St. Joseph - Adoration 7:00m - **7:30pm**

St. Joseph - Confessions 12:00 - 1:00pm

St. Joseph - Confessions 4:30pm - 7:30pm

December 20, 2024 - (Fri.)

IHM - Posadas at 7:00 p.m. in the HFE Activity Center

December 21, 2024 - (Sat.)

IHM - Posadas at 7:00 p.m. in the HFE Activity Center

December 22, 2024 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

IHM - Posadas at 7:00 p.m. in the HFE Activity Center

December 23, 2024 - (Mon.)

IHM - Posadas at 7:00 p.m. in the HFE Activity Center

December 24, 2024 - (Tues.) Christmas Eve

Antonino - 4:00pm

IHM - 4:00pm & 10:00pm (Bilingual)

Munjor - 7:00pm

Schoenchen - 6:00pm

St. Joseph - 5:00pm, 11:30pm Choir Music, Mass at Midnight

St. Nicholas - 5:00pm

December 25, 2024 - (Wed.) Christmas Day

CCC - 9:00am

IHM - 9:00am, & 12:00pm Spanish (No evening Mass)

St. Catharine - 9:00am

St. Joseph - 7:30am, 10:30am

St. Nicholas - 9:30am

December 26, 2024 - (Thurs.)

IHM - No Masses or Confessions

December 31, 2024, (Tues.) Vigil - Solemnity of Mary

IHM - 5:30pm English, 7:30pm Spanish

St. Joseph - 5:00pm

St. Nicholas - 5:00pm

January 1, 2025, (Wed.) Solemnity of Mary

Antonino - 7:00pm

Catherine - 9:00am

IHM - 5:30pm English

Munjor - 8:00am

St. Joseph - 8:00am

St. Nicholas - 9:30am



Sunday, December 8, 2024 ~ Second Sunday of Advent

NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE

Join in **Unity of Prayer** across America to restore the protection of LIFE, the FAMILY, and the CHURCH, establish PEACE, and inspire COURAGE in the soul of our nation!

When: December 8, 2024

Where: St. Nicholas of Myra



Hourly Schedule:

7pm: Eucharistic Exposition

7pm-8pm: Daughter's of Isabella will be leading this hour of prayer, adoration and song.

8pm-9pm: Ladies Guild will be leading this hour of prayer, adoration and song.

9pm-10pm: Catholic Tigers will be hosting this hour of prayer, adoration and song.

10pm: Benediction

If my people ... humble themselves and pray and seek my presence and turn from their evil ways, I will hear them from heaven and pardon their sins and revive their land.

~2 Chronicles 7:14

COME PRAY WITH US!!



Jesus, King of All Nations

Hope for the World Light in the Darkness

We are blessed to have this sacred image and its devotion visiting parishes throughout the Diocese of Salina during Advent as it makes its way to the geographic center of the United States in Lebanon, Kansas on Sunday, December 22. Come and join the pastors and parishes listed below for Prayer and Veneration in addition to Adoration, Mass, Confessions and Healing Services.

Great and marvelous are your works, Lord God Almighty. Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations.

Who will not fear you, Lord, or glorify your name? For you alone are holy.

All nations will come and worship before you, for your righteous acts have been revealed. —Revelation 15:3-4

Friday, December 6	11:30am - 2pm 5pm - 11:59pm	St Isidore, Manhattan Seven Dolors, Manhattan
Saturday, December 7	Midnight - 6am 1pm - 3:30pm 6:30pm - 9pm	Seven Dolors, Manhattan St John Nepomucene, Beardsley St Francis, St Francis
Sunday, December 8	7am - 10:30am 3pm - 6pm	St Joseph, Bird City Sacred Heart, Atwood
Monday, December 9	10am - 9pm	St John the Evangelist, Herington
Tuesday, December 10	8am - 11am	Immaculate Conception, Solomon
Wednesday, December 11	5pm - 11:59pm	St Aloysius Gonzaga, Osborne
Thursday, December 12	Midnight - 7pm	St Aloysius Gonzaga, Osborne
Friday, December 13	4pm - 7pm	Sacred Heart, Park
Saturday, December 14	8am - 11am 3pm - 6pm	St Agnes, Grainfield Immaculate Conception, Grinnell
Sunday, December 15	Noon - 5pm	Sacred Heart Cathedral, Salina
Thursday, December 19	8am - Noon 3pm - 11:59pm	St Mary, Ellis Sacred Heart, Plainville
Friday, December 20	Midnight - Noon	Sacred Heart, Plainville
Saturday, December 21	8am - Noon 2pm - 6pm	Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Concordia Sacred Heart, Esbon
Sunday, December 22	3pm	Procession, Prayers of Reparation and Devotion at the geographic center of the United States, Lebanon, Kansas - <i>All are welcome to take part</i>

For details of a specific parish visitation, please contact their parish office direct

Nihil Obstat granted by Bishop Enrique Hernandez Rivera D.D., Bishop of Caguas, Puerto Rico

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