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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



MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. Dec 26 8:00 am L/D Norbert & Betty Leiker family
Wed. Dec 29 7:30 am +Nancy Oponui
Fri. Dec 31 6:30 pm +Dan Kohl
Sun. Jan 2 8:00 am +Curt Pfannenstiel
Wed. Jan 5 7:30 am +Gilbert, Gloria & Danny Leiker

SERVERS

Sunday, Dec 26 Jacob Leiker & Trenton Staley
New Year's Eve Alec Gerstner & Rexton Leiker
Sunday, Jan 2 Ahnaly Leiker & Makailyn Leiker

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, Dec 26 Wendy Richmeier & Michelle Werth
New Year's Eve Lilly Binder & Glenn Stramel
Sunday, Jan 2 Ken & Peggy Richmeier

LECTORS

Sun. Dec 26 Nathan Leiker
Fri. Dec 31 John Moeder
Sun. Jan 2 Lauren Moeder

OFFERTORY GIFTS

Josh & Tina Waddell
Glenn & Rhonda Stramel
Sid & Joanne Steinert

GREETERS

Sunday, Dec 26 John & Natalie Oborny
New Year's Eve Amy Pfannenstiel
Sunday, Jan 2 Brian Pfannenstiel

COLLECTION TEAM

Sunday, December 26

Aaron Dome, Sid Steinert, Josh Waddell, Brandon Zimmerman

New Year's Eve

Jerry Gross, David Leiker, Kenny Pfannenstiel, Tony Rohr

Sunday, January 2

Gary Staab, Caleb Staley, Glenn Stramel, Randy Werth

TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

Sunday, Dec 26 Ernie & Lilly Binder
Sunday, Jan 2 Herman & Rosie Leiker
Sunday, Jan 9 Darold & Evelyn Younker
Sunday, Jan 16 Glenn & Rhonda Stramel

© Come Let Us Adore Him.

REFLECTION FROM DEACON STEVE URBAN

1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28
1 John 3:1-2, 21-24
Luke 2: 41-52

Hodie Christus Natus Est! Today Christ is Born! This Latin phrase is taken from Vesper Service for Christmas Day. The adverb "today" is repeated over and over in the evening prayer used by the Church and prayed by clergy, religious, and laity. "Today" Christ is born rings in our hearts, and we should proclaim for all the world to hear. Lest we miss the immediacy of this phrase, the phrase says "today" Christ is born, not two thousand years ago. Christ should be born in our hearts each and every day. We should marvel and delight in the fact that our God has become flesh in our world...in our lives...in the midst of all the messiness and pain. God is born! God has come to be with us and bring us the "Good News". The "Good News" is that God has taken on our human nature, has become one like us, and wants to lead us back to the fullness of life. And so, we rejoice and sing with the angels, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those whom his favor rests".

This message that God has taken on our flesh and brings "Good News" is the message of the entire Christmas season. Today we celebrate one aspect of that season in the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. There are a variety of choices for the readings, and I am using the ones listed in our missalette. In the first reading, we hear how Hannah offers her son Samuel up to the priesthood three times. Hannah was one of the wives of Elkanah. Elkanah's other wife, Peninnah, was able to give him many children, but Hannah had been barren. Finally, having pleaded and prayed before God, Hannah was granted a son. In her prayer to God, Hannah had promised God that if she bore a son she would offer her son to the priesthood. In today's reading, Hannah takes Samuel to the temple in Shiloh and offers him to the priest Eli to give to God. Even in the messiness of Hannah's barrenness and then in her joy of giving birth to Samuel, God was present. Indeed, God was present in her marriage to Elkanah and all the ups and downs of that marriage. God had taken flesh in her life, her marriage, in every aspect of her being.

In today's Gospel, we have another family crisis this time between Mary, Joseph, and Jesus. The Holy Family had been in Jerusalem along with other relatives for the feast of Passover. After a day's travel, Mary and Joseph realize their twelve-year old son was not in their company. Upon returning to Jerusalem, they find Jesus in the temple listening to the temple teachers. Although Mary voices her frustration with her son's absence, Jesus tells his parents that his desire is to be in "my Father's house". In this statement, we know that Jesus is always about being in the Father's presence. Again, from this story we realize that even in Jesus' homelife there were

ups and downs and just the messiness of everyday living. Yet, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph were faithful to God's plan and lived in love and fidelity.

In a recent episode of Star Trek Voyager, the ship's doctor, who is a hologram or 3D simulation of a physician, decides to start a family. He creates the perfect family life in a fantasy world where everything goes right, everybody gets along, and there are no problems. One of the crewmates inquires about his new family, and the doctor responds that everything is perfect. This same crewman then challenges the doctor to allow the "real world" to be part of his family. After dealing with his obnoxious teenage son and the death of his daughter, the holographic doctor comes to know what real family and real love demands. Imitating the Holy Family doesn't mean there will never be disagreements, fights, brokenness, and even sin in our families. Instead, the Holy Family shows that God comes to us "today" in the midst of all the pain, hurts, and messiness and brings his love and presence. God comes to us "today" to be with us and show us how to love.

~ Deacon Steve

Title ~ Stewardship of Treasure

Envelopes	\$2,185.00	Ret. Rel.	\$20.00
Loose	\$80.00	Spec. Don.	\$1,000.00
Poinsettias	\$140.00		
Total	\$3,425.00		



From the Desk of Fr. Damian:

Thank you for the Christmas card and gift! It is an honor and a pleasure to serve as pastor for St. Francis Parish. You rightfully take pride in your parish and work very hard to take care of it. Merry Christmas!



Special thanks to all who helped with the various Mass ministries on Christmas Eve; made donations for poinsettias in memory of loved ones or the monetary donations to beautify our worship space. And to those who donated their gifts of time and talent to help decorate the church so beautifully, setting an atmosphere of beauty and awe as we welcomed the birth of Jesus our Savior.

Christmas Poinsettias in Memory or Honor of...



Paul & Ruby Binder
Benjamin & Diana Dome
Les Gross & Lynette Callahan
Farron Leiker
Nancy Opunui
Curt Pfannenstiel
Ted & Polly Pfannenstiel
Bob & Vonda Pumarlo family
Ken & Peggy Richmeier family
Edward J. & Ron Ruder
Tony Seib
Martin Staab
Nick & Almeda Stecklein

Religious Education: No Class. Enjoy your Christmas Break.

2022 Mass Intentions are being scheduled. At this time, please limit to 3 intention requests. Stipends \$10.00 per Mass. **Contact Lilly to schedule ~ 623-8000**



2022 Boxed offering envelopes are at the entrances. Please pick up if you have not already done so.

The "**Little Town of Bethlehem**" nativity at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Vincent will be open for visitation on Christmas Day 1 to 5pm. Other appointment times can be made to visit the nativity by calling Carol Freitag at 785-735-9282.

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



Special Intentions, 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.

HEARTLAND PARISHES NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

December 31st - (Friday) - Solemnity of Mary (Vigil)

IHM - 5:30pm & 7:30pm (Spanish)

Munjor - 6:30pm

St. Joseph - 5:00pm

St. Nicholas - 5:00pm

January 1st - (Saturday) Solemnity of Mary

IHM - 9:00am for the Holy Day

IHM—5:00pm (Regular Vigil Sunday Mass)

St. Joseph - 7:30am, 10:30am, 5:00pm

St. Nicholas of Myra - 9:30am, 5:00pm

"May the Holy Family, who had to overcome many painful trials, watch over all the families in the world, especially those who are experiencing difficult situations.

May the Holy Family also help men and women of culture and political leaders so that they may defend the institution of the family, based on marriage, and so that they may sustain the family as it confronts the grave challenges of the modern age!

May Christian families find the light and strength to be united and to grow as the 'domestic church' especially in their diligent participation in the celebration of the Eucharist on Sunday.

Saint John Paul II, – Prayer from Angelus Message for the Feast of the Holy Family 2004



*Jesus, Mary and Joseph.
Pray for us.*

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.



Beyond Damascus with Dan DeMatte and Aaron Richards brings young adults the life-changing testimonies of ordinary people that launch them into lives of extraordinary mission for Christ and His Church. Tune in to 105.7 FM

CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Rachel Wentling, Principal
625-3131

Dec. 20 - Jan. 3 – No School – Christmas Break



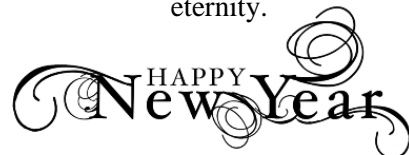
THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN

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

Dec. 20 - Jan. 3 – No School – Christmas Break

Ich wuensh euch ion Glueckseliges neues Jahr, langes Leben, Gesundthelt Friede und Eingkeit, noch Eurem Tot, die ewige, Glueckseligkeit!

I wish you a prosperous New Year, long life, health, happiness and contentment. And after your death, eternity.



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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.