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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 14th, 2021 ~ Fourth Sunday of Lent



MASS INTENTIONS



Sun. Mar 14 8:00 am L/D Marvin & Mary Jo Braun family
 Wed. Mar 17 7:30 am L/D Romuald & Genevieve Leiker fam.
 Sun. Mar 21 8:00 am Verlin & Elaine Pfannenstiel
 Wed. Mar 24 7:30 am +Alicia Brull

SERVERS

Sunday, Mar 14 Valerie Dome & Trenton Staley
 Sunday, Mar 21 Rexton Leiker & Daunte Younker

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, Mar 14 Mark Leiker & Deacon Steve
 Sunday, Mar 21 Lauren Moeder & Wendy Richmeier

LECTORS

Sunday, Mar 14 Natalie Oborny
 Sunday, Mar 21 Joanne Steinert

COLLECTION TEAM

Sunday, March 14

Ernie Binder, Tony Rohr, Darold Younker, Brandon Zimmerman

Sunday, March 21

Jason Carter, Jeff Richmeier, Sid Steinert, Randy Werth

TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

Sunday, Mar 14 Ken & Peggy Richmeier
 Sunday, Mar 21 Glenn & Rhonda Stramel
 Sunday, Mar 28 Mark & Dora Leiker
 Sunday, Apr 4 Ernie & Lilly Binder

Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure

Envelopes	\$1,670.00
Loose	\$52.00
Parish Supper	<u>\$1,635.00</u>
Total	\$3,357.00

Contributions can also be mailed to the Parish Office:
 St. Francis Church
 883 Moscow St.
 Munjor, KS 67601

REFLECTION FROM DEACON STEVE URBAN

2 Chronicles 36: 14-16, 19-23
 Ephesians 2: 4-10
 John 3: 14-21

*Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound
 That saved a wretch like me
 I once was lost, but now am found
 Was blind but now I see*

In this first verse from John Newton's creation "Amazing Grace", we have a summary of all three Scripture readings for this fourth Sunday of Lent. St. Paul says it simply, "By grace you have been saved...it is the gift of God". John the Evangelist summarizes the Gospel message in this way, "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son". Our lives are given meaning and redeemed because God has gifted us with his only Son who died and came to life for us. It's pure gift...amazing grace. We can't earn his love or purchase it. We simply have to accept it...believe it...and allow His love to transform us.

In our first reading today from 2 Chronicles, we have a simple but profound history lesson. History for the author of Chronicles is not about specific dates and meticulous accuracy, but about the revelation of God's action in history seen through the eyes of faith. God acts in history, and specifically in this passage, the author reveals how God was present to his people throughout the seventy years of the Babylonian Captivity. It was because the princes, priests, and the people were unfaithful to the covenant that God allowed the destruction of the temple in Jerusalem and the captivity of God's people. And it was through grace or God's gift that God used the Persian king Cyrus to allow the people to return to their homeland. In the letter to the Ephesians, St. Paul reiterates that same message about God acting in history by stating that God is rich in mercy. He declares that we were dead because of our transgressions, but God saved us through Christ and our faith in Him. God's grace saved us. Finally, in the Gospel, Jesus tells Nicodemus that like the saraph serpent who Moses put on a pole in the Old Testament to save the Israelites who looked upon it; likewise, those who look upon Jesus on the Cross will realize the great love God has for all humankind.

So we might ask what will these readings demand of us. What changes will these readings call forth in our daily lives. I believe we have to "fall in love" with our God. We need to be open to God's great love...to accept it, be grateful for it, and surrender to it. Fr. Richard Rohr, a contemporary spiritual writer and Franciscan priest, says we have to get the right understanding of our love relationship with God. We sometimes think God loves us because we do the right things and say the right prayers. We might think it because of our actions that God loves us. We fall into a spiritual consumerism. In other words, we can purchase God's love so to speak by doing the right things. In reality, it's because of God's love given to us as pure gift that we can try to live a good life and do the right things. We don't have to earn God's love because it has already been given



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to us. It is a pure gift that we don't deserve, but God blesses us with it anyway. Our response to that love is to accept it with gratitude and surrender to the beauty and magnificence of the gift. Our Lenten practices and prayer should be done with the goal of "falling in love" with the God who loves us beyond our wildest dreams.

~ *Deacon Steve*

Blessed Candles: At the entrances, there are baskets of used candles. These candles are blessed and were used at our Masses. Due to the length, we no longer use them for Mass. You are welcome to take them to be used in your home. Since they are blessed, they are to be used in a reverent manner.

Religious Formation: Class 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS/EXPOSITION
Friday 7:00 p.m.
Need 3 volunteer servers.



Christian Mothers Meeting:
Sunday, March 21st following Mass.



MUNJOR K OF C FISH FRY

Friday, March 26th 5 – 7 pm in the Munjor School. Menu: Fish, Noodles & Beans, Grebble. **TAKE OUT MEALS AVAILABLE.**
> **FREE WILL DONATIONS** <

St. Nicholas K of C Fish Fry will be Friday, March 19th from 5-7 pm. Menu: Fish, Chips, Mac & Cheese and coleslaw. Drive thru/carry out only! Free will donation.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Next Sunday, March 21 after Mass

IN CASE YOU DIDN'T KNOW: You will notice there is an envelope in your weekly offering box marked Parish Supper. Even though we no longer have the supper, it was decided to continue including that envelope with the hope it would continue to generate donations to off-set the loss of what was a major fund-raiser for the parish.

Fr. Damian we will be using a **RELIC FROM THE TRUE CROSS** (provided by our parish) for Veneration of the Cross for Good Friday services here and St. Nicholas of Myra.



The Month of St. Joseph: The Church traditionally dedicates the month of March to the special veneration of St. Joseph; whose feast day is March 19th. "He was chosen by the eternal Father as the trustworthy guardian and protector of his greatest treasures, namely, his divine Son and Mary, Joseph's wife," says St. Bernardine of Siena. "He carried out this vocation with complete fidelity until at last God called him, saying 'Good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your Lord.'" Due to St. Joseph's leadership of the Holy Family, he has been declared the protector and patron of the universal Catholic Church.

A Family Perspective ...by Bud Ozar

Today's gospel speaks of light and darkness. Often a parent is deliberately "left in the dark." Darkness can be comforting for it makes no demands on us. Light can be disturbing for it forces us to take action. Parents walk a delicate balance of when to "sit in the dark" and when to "turn on the lights."

The 2021 Bishop's Annual Appeal – **CALL TO SHARE** – is underway! We invite you to join in the mission of Jesus – to be a disciple who makes disciples through witnessing by faith, hope, and love. One way to join in that mission is through a financial gift. Thank you for your consideration! To learn more about the appeal, please visit <https://salinadiocese.org/office/development/bishops-annualappeal/>.



Our Prayer List

Special Intention, Ella Moeder, Bryson Werth, Stacy Dittmer, Special Intentions, Ramona Weigel, Carole Carter, Stan Herrmann, Parishioners in Health Care Facilities.

Drop requests in the collection basket or let Lilly know.
Let Lilly know when the intention can be removed.

For Sale: Screen Door. A new screen door has been installed at the west entrance of Church. The old door has slight damage, but is still functional. If you are interested, please contact Lilly. *Donation appreciated.*

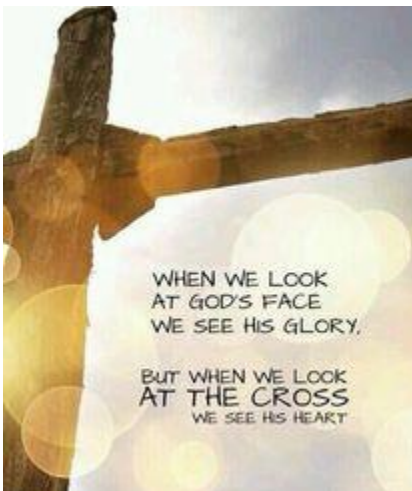
MARCH – Modern Day Slavery demands our attention. Learn more about it by using the resources we offer. U.S. Catholic Sisters against Human Trafficking is a 501 © (3) organization (sistersagainstrafficking.org),

PRINCIPAL Pre-K-6: St. Mary's Catholic School is seeking a principal to begin July 1, 2021. St. Mary's Catholic School is located in Ellis, Kansas. The mission of the School is "to build a foundation for our students, both academically and spiritually, by teaching them God's message of love as taught by Jesus Christ." Qualifications: Demonstrated commitment to the development of Christian spirit and a Catholic community of faith within the school environment. Master's degree in Educational Administration and Supervision (or working toward one) with experience in administration and teaching. Applicants must be practicing Roman Catholics, have good leadership skills and have the ability to communicate and work collaboratively with an excellent staff. Salary and benefits commensurate with credentials and experience. Submit a letter of interest, resume, three letters of reference and university credentials to: Fr. Dana Clark, 703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637 or email to ddclark3@ilj.com by April 15, 2021. Parish website is: www.stmarysofellis.org.



Women of Grace with Johnette Williams affirming women through ongoing faith formation –10 am weekdays, except Fridays. 88.1 am 105.7 fm. Call in number 833-288-3986.

Catholic Relief Services (CSR) ask for your help. Join fellow Catholics in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl at the entrances.



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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.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Rachel Wentling, Principal
625-3131

- March 15-18 Lenten Canned Food Drive
- March 15 New Parent Info Night, 5:30 p.m. in L.T.
- March 16 Father's Mass (family last name L-Z) 8:00 a.m.
State of Catholic Schools Mtg. 6:30 p.m. IHM
- March 18 Father's Mass (family last name A-K) 8:00 a.m.
- March 19 Living Stations of the Cross, 2:15 p.m. IHM
- March 22-26 – NO SCHOOL ~ SPRING BREAK



THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN

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

- March 16: 6:3 pm - 7:30 pm State of Catholic Schools at IHM
- March 17: 8:45 - 2 pm Red Cross Blood Drive in Fieldhouse

ACE 2021 - Monarch Court Banquet

New to ACE 2021 is the Monarch Court Banquet. This special "watch party" is limited to 200 guests and will take place in Al Billinger Fieldhouse on Saturday, April 24th beginning at 6:30 PM. While the auction is fully online, this in-person VIP event will feature table service of a full catered meal, open bar and assistance with online bidding. Guests at the Monarch Court Banquet will be eligible to win \$1500 in prizes sponsored by Jeff and Melissa Pinkney, Mike and Lori Hertel and the Glassman Corporation! At the end of the evening, the famous cinnamon rolls prepared by the TMP-M kitchen will be served and winning bidders will be able to pick-up their items. Tickets for the Monarch Court Banquet are available for \$300/couple or \$150 per person. Contact the Alumni office at TMP-Marian at alumni@tmpmarian.org or (785) 625-9434. All proceeds from ACE and the Monarch Court Banquet benefit the operations of TMP-Marian and Holy Family Elementary. This event is subject to cancellation based on safety precautions and ticket cost will be placed on the bidders account at the conclusion of the auction.