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*Lord make me an
instrument of peace...*



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Jane Younger 785-259-3374

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 22 8:00 am L/D John & Agnes Pfannenstiel family
 Tue. Dec 24 7:00 pm +Norbert, Betty & Brandon Leiker
 Sun. Dec 29 8:00 am L/D Herman & Rosie Leiker fam
 Wed. Jan 1 8:00 am Randy & Michelle Werth fam

SERVERS

Sun Dec 22 Makailyn Leiker & Rexton Leiker
 Tue Dec 24 Benjamin D, Alec G, Jacob L, Logan L.
 Sun Dec 29 Ahnalyne Leiker & Reylyn Leiker

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sun Dec 22 Jenalyn L, Nathan L, Josh W, Michelle W.
 Tue Dec 24 John M, Lauren M, Glenn S, Rhonda S.
 Sun Dec 29 Amy P, Peggy R, Wendy R, Tony S.

LECTORS

OFFERTORY GIFTS

Sun Dec 22	Tina Waddell	Rich & Sherri Ruder
Tue Dec 24	Gene Gottschalk	Tony & Patty Rohr
Sun Dec 29	Lilly Binder	K of C Members

GREETERS

Sun Dec 22 Linda Gross
 Tue Dec 24 Larry & Gloria Koirth
 Sun Dec 29 K of C Members

COLLECTION TEAM

Sunday, December 22

Jason Carter, Rich Ruder, Blake Spencer,
 Brandon Zimmerman

Wednesday, December 24

Ernie Binder, Tony Rohr, Sid Steinert, Neal Younger

Sunday, December 29

Larry Koirth, Mark Leiker, Nathan Leiker, John Moeder

TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

Sunday, December 22 Jason & Rose Carter

FROM THE DESK OF CODY MARINTZER

Excerpt From: Catholic Exchange: December 22, 2015

The Mystery of the Incarnation

Presence of God – I place myself in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, with an ardent desire to penetrate the infinite mystery of divine love which impelled God Himself to become “one of us.”

MEDITATION

God is Love; everything He does, both in Himself and outside of Himself, is a work of love. Being the infinite good, He cannot love anything outside of Himself from the desire of increasing His happiness, as is the case with us; in Himself He possesses all. Therefore, in God, to love, and hence to will creatures, is simply to extend, outside of Himself, His infinite good, His perfections, and to communicate to others His own Being and felicity. Bonum diffusivum sui, St. Thomas says. Thus, God loved man with an eternal love and, loving him, called him into existence, giving him both natural and supernatural life. Through love, God not only brought man out of nothing, but chose him and elevated him to the state of divine sonship, destining him to participate in His own intimate life, in His eternal beatitude. This was the first plan of the immense charity of God with regard to man. But when man fell into sin, God, who had created him by an act of love, willed to redeem him by an even greater act of love. See then, how the mystery of the Incarnation presents itself to us as the supreme manifestation of God’s exceeding charity toward man. “By this hath the charity of God appeared toward us, because God hath sent His only-begotten Son into the world, that we may live by Him. In this is charity ... He hath first loved us, and sent His Son to be a propitiation for our sins” (1 John 4:9-10). After having given man natural life, after having destined him for the supernatural life, what more could He give him than to give Himself, His Word made flesh, for his salvation?

COLLOQUY

“O my God! make me worthy to understand something of the mystery of the burning charity which is in You, which impelled You to effect the sublime act of the Incarnation, the root and source of our salvation. O ineffable Incarnation! which brings to man, with the outpouring of love, the assurance of salvation. How ineffable is this charity! Truly, there is no greater than this, that the Word was made flesh in order to make me like unto God! You became nothing in order to make me something; You clothed Yourself like the lowliest slave to give me the garments of a King and a God! Although You took the form of a slave, You did not lessen Your substance, nor injure Your divinity, but the depths of Your humility pierce my heart and make me cry out: ‘O incomprehensible One, made comprehensible because of me! O uncreated One, now created! O Thou who art inaccessible to mind and body, become palpable to thought and touch, by a prodigy of Thy power!...’

Make me worthy to understand Thy ineffable charity, which was transmitted to us when the Father gave Jesus Christ to us in the Incarnation” (St. Angela of Foligno).

Permit me to say, O Lord, that my mind and heart are bewildered before the abyss of Your charity! It is a mystery in which I lose myself without being able to see it to its

depths. Give me, O Lord, the grace to believe firmly, unshakably in Your exceeding charity; grant that I, too, may say with complete conviction: "I have known and I have believed in the charity of God for me!" The stronger my conviction, the more shall I trust wholly in Your charity, in Your infinite merciful love.

This immense charity, this ineffable mercy, by means of Your Incarnate Word, inclines over all men without distinction. You incline over me too; Your love surrounds me, nourishes me, gives me life, and brings me to You, O my God! O Lord, may Your love invade my soul; or rather, give me the grace to know and believe in that love, which from the first moment of my existence has surrounded and possessed me.

EVENTS IN THE HEARTLAND

The "Little Town of Bethlehem" nativity at St. Boniface Catholic Church, Vincent will be open for visitors on Christmas Day. All times are 1-5pm. Appointments can also be made at any other time by calling Carol at 785-735-9282. St. Boniface Catholic Church is located 5.5 miles south of Victoria and two miles east.

Runnin' Rev's Basketball Game - December 27th Join us at Sacred Heart High School in Salina, Kansas, for the Runnin' Revs basketball game @ 6:00pm! Cheer on our semi-narians and pray for vocations! There will be pizza after the game!

Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure	
Envelopes	\$2,435.00
Loose	\$238.00
Total	\$2,673.00



Mass Times
 Christmas Eve ~ 7:00 p.m.
 New Year's Day ~ 8:00 a.m.

Dear St. Francis of Assisi,
 Thank you so much for the support you've provided to First Call! We appreciate you! Wishing you and your families a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.
First Call For Help

2025 Offering Envelopes are at the entrances. Please do not begin using these until January. Thank you!

Prayer Requests
 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.

"Early New Years Eve" Dance will be on Sunday, Dec. 29, from 2 to 5pm, at the Rose Garden Ballroom, 230 E. 8th St., Hays. The Hot Shots Band will be providing the music. Cost is \$8.00. This event is open to the public. Sponsored by the Sunflower Polka Club. For more information, call 620-897-7778.

Hays Catholic School Revene Sources			
2024-2025			
	Holy Family	TMP	Total
Parish Subsidy	\$ 729,154.00	\$ 1,268,529.00	\$ 1,997,683.00
Thomas More Society	\$ 162,500.00	\$ 487,500.00	\$ 650,000.00
Fundraising	\$ 247,250.00	\$ 380,000.00	\$ 627,250.00
Student Fees	\$ 324,800.00	\$ 439,930.00	\$ 764,730.00
Endowment	-	\$ 403,010.00	\$ 403,010.00
Other	\$ 114,475.00	\$ 151,780.00	\$ 266,255.00
	\$ 1,578,179.00	\$ 3,130,749.00	\$ 4,708,928.00
Operating Expenses	\$ 1,689,316.00	\$ 3,581,720.00	\$ 5,271,036.00
Est. Shortfall	\$ (111,137.00)	\$ (450,971.00)	\$ (562,108.00)
# of students	293	272	
Cost/Student	\$ 5,765.58	\$ 13,168.09	

The parish subsidy, fundraising, and the St. Thomas More Society have increased by 3% over the past 5 years. Sadly, inflation is up 25%. We have been able to beat inflation, as our expenses are only up 19%. High School costs are higher due to increased activities, more advanced studies, and broader ranges of studies offered. The average cost of public education in Kansas is \$17,650. Our average cost of education for K-12 is \$9,329.



Great Opportunity, Hays, KS Comeau Catholic Campus Center

The Comeau Catholic Campus Center is accepting resumes for a full-time Campus Minister position. The Campus Minister oversees the student leadership team in various aspects and coordinates the Catholic Tigers weekly events. This includes initiating and managing the calendar of retreats, events, speakers, trips, etc. to make sure they are in line with the Skills desired include ability to work with various constituencies, excellent communication and interpersonal skills, cultivating college students, and thoroughness in planning events. The Campus Minister must be rooted in the Catholic faith, with a mission to bring college students to Christ. This position is full time with a competitive benefits package. For the complete job description or more information contact Sandy Losey at 785-259-1222 or sandy.losey@catholictigers.org. Resumes must be submitted by January 31, 2025.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

December 22, 2024 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

December 23, 2024 - (Mon.)

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December 24, 2024 - (Tues.) Christmas Eve

Antonino - 4:00pm

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

Munjor - 7:00pm

Schoenchen - 6:00pm

St. Joe's- 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 I

HM - 5:30pm English

Munjor - 8:00am

CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Mandy Meagher Principal

(785) 625-3131

Dec 23 - NO SCHOOL—Christmas Break
Jan 6

Jan 7 School Resumes

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 23 - NO SCHOOL—Christmas Break
Jan 6

Monarch For A Day. Thursday, January 16th 8 am - noon.

Open to any 5th - 8th grader. Lunch included & transportation provided upon request. To register contact Melissa Schoepf 785-625-6577

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.

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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 be examples of his teachings, we strive for unity through fellowship and participation in all areas of the Catholic faith.

A MILLION MEMORARES *for hope*

EVERY PARISH ACROSS THE DIOCESE WILL HAVE SPECIAL POSTCARDS DESIGNED SPECIFICALLY FOR THIS CHALLENGE AVAILABLE FOR PARISHIONERS.

ON THE POSTCARD, INDIVIDUALS ARE ABLE TO WRITE A SPECIAL INTENTION, AS WELL AS SHARE WHAT GIVES THEM HOPE. FOR EVERY CARD FILLED OUT, THE INDIVIDUAL IS CHALLENGED TO PRAY ONE HUNDRED MEMORARES.

ONCE COMPLETED, THE CARD CAN BE MAILED TO THE CHANCERY. UPON RECEIPT, BISHOP VINCKE WILL TAKE THE TIME TO PRAY OVER THE CARDS, LIFTING UP THE INTENTIONS OF THOSE WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED.

THE GOAL IS TO HAVE A MILLION MEMORARES PRAYED, CREATING A POWERFUL WAVE OF HOPE THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY. EVERYONE IS INVITED TO JOIN IN SEEKING GRACE AND STRENGTH THROUGH THE INTERCESSION OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP.

PLEASE TAKE ONE AND PRAY WITH US FOR HOPE!



DIOCESE OF SALINA
JUBILEE 2025
PILGRIMS OF HOPE

HAYS CATHOLIC MOMS MINISTRY – KICKOFF!

Thursday, January 9th in the IHM Basement following the 8 AM Mass

Come meet other faith-filled moms and learn more about our new ministry! The childcare room, now furnished with toys, will be open and breakfast treats will be provided.

- Our ministry goal is to support moms in living their vocation according to God's plan by accessing the sacraments, building faithful community, and uplifting their families through prayer.
- Join us throughout each month at daily Mass, confession, and other planned social events.
- Birth blessings, a kid-free rosary and social time to offer prayers for expecting mothers, and meal trains will be provided for every family welcoming a new baby.

For questions or to join our group communication app, please contact:

— *Patty Cummings* 785-259-4400 or *Julie Berg* 785-443-4170