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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. Aug 8 8:00 am L/D Wilbert & Mary Ann Gross fam.
 Wed. Aug 11 7:30 am +Harlan Boor
 Sun. Aug 15 8:00 am +Farron Leiker
 Wed. Aug 18 7:30 am L/D Albinus & Velma Weigel family

SERVERS

Sunday, Aug 8 Jacob Leiker & Daunte Younker
 Sunday, Aug 15 Cali Richmeier & Trenton Staley

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, Aug 8 Lilly Binder & Michelle Werth
 Sunday, Aug 15 Jenalyn Leiker & Deacon Steve

LECTORS OFFERTORY GIFTS

Sun. Aug 8 John Moeder Jeanette Pfannenstiel
 Sun. Aug 15 Lauren Moeder Brian Pfannenstiel

GREETERS

Sunday, Aug 8 Tony & Patty Rohr
 Sunday, Aug 15 Rich & Sherri Ruder

COLLECTION TEAM

Sunday, August 8

Nathan Leiker, Josh Waddell, Randy Werth, Neal Younger

Sunday, August 15

David Leiker, Mark Leiker, Tony Rohr, Caleb Staley

TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

Sunday, August 8 Jeff & Wendy Richmeier
 Sunday, August 15 Randy & Michelle Werth
 Sunday, August 22 Tony & Patty Rohr
 Sunday, August 29 Mark & Dora Leiker

REFLECTION FROM DEACON STEVE URBAN

1 Kings 19:4-8
 Ephesians 4:30--5:2
 John 6: 41-51

All of us in our lifetime have felt like Elijah in today's first reading. We are in a desert searching for answers as to why things seem so miserable. For some reason, our life is tormented by pain and suffering. We might even feel abandoned by God. In our human condition, we cry out, "This is enough, O Lord!" Like Elijah, we might even wish for death. God hears our cry like he heard Elijah. So he sent Elijah a messenger, an angel, to feed and refresh him so he could continue his journey. He does the same for us. Jesus, in today's Gospel, promises to give us not only bread, but living bread that will sustain us forever. This gift of bread is Jesus himself who promises eternal life. How often we despair about life and our human condition, but God gives us what we need if only we see and accept his gift. Following St. Paul's admonition, let's get rid of all bitterness, anger, malice and be kind, compassionate, and forgiving to one another.

Our first reading from 1 Kings finds the prophet Elijah fleeing for his life from King Ahab and his evil wife Jezebel. Elijah had killed the false prophets of Baal, and that angered Queen Jezebel who promised to kill Elijah. Afraid of the Queen and questioning his vocation as a prophet, Elijah gives up and wishes to die. God, however, sends his angel and feeds him with a hearth cake and quenches his thirst with water. Not once, but twice God sends his angel to feed him. Strengthened by food and drink, Elijah then journeys to the mountain of Horeb where God rekindles the fire within him. In our second reading, Paul reflects on another journey...our baptismal journey. This journey like Elijah's pilgrimage to Horeb is long, treacherous, and demanding. Worn out by bitterness, anger, malice, backbiting, we might feel like abandoning the journey. But St. Paul encourages us to follow Christ's sacrificial giving of himself and to be led by the Holy Spirit. Finally, in today's Gospel, which is a continuation of John Chapter 6 the Bread of Life discourse, Jesus promises to be the bread which gives eternal life. The Jews fail to believe because they know Jesus' upbringing and his parents Joseph and Mary.

Although Elijah was fed by the angel and Jesus gives himself as the bread of eternal life, that doesn't mean we still don't have to deal with the uncertainties, suffering, and evil of this world. God doesn't take us out of the world, nor take away sufferings and pain. Instead, God leads us through the pain and our problems with the food and refreshment we need. God shows us that he and he alone will walk with us on the journey and give us what we need to live. That's why we need the Eucharist and the Body of Christ, the Church, to strengthen us for the journey. More than ever before, we need each other gathering as Church to support, guide, encourage, and mostly challenge one another. Whether it's a bible study group, a prayer group, Cursillo, or some other entity, we must share our faith story and encourage one

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another. But mostly, we have to turn to the Eucharist, the source and summit of our Catholic faith, to sustain us on the long journey. And to get the most out of the Eucharist, we have to prepare our hearts. With daily prayer, a thoughtful examination of conscience, works of charity, and a listening heart, we come to Eucharist being present to Jesus the Living Bread.

~ Deacon Steve

Annual Seminarian Collection this weekend. This collection is held in every parish across the diocese and supports the tuition, books, board, and summer ministry expenses of our current seminarians, as well as recruitment of future seminarians. Currently, we have six seminarians. The average annual cost to educate one seminarian is \$50,000. We are thrilled to announce that several donors have provided an anonymous matching opportunity of \$50,000 for gifts to the Seminarian Education fund. Your gift will be matched \$1 for \$1, as funds are available. Thank you for your continued prayers and support of our seminarians.

Mission Appeal Donations: If you have not returned your donation for this Mission Appeal from last Sunday, please do so by next weekend. Special envelopes (blue) for donations are at the entrances, or mark your check/envelope - MISSION

The annual seminarian dinner is set for Aug. 12, at the Salina Country Club. This dinner is a time for the faithful to meet our current seminarians who we hope will one day become priests for our diocese. Proceeds from the dinner support the tuition, books, board and summer ministry expenses of our current seminarians, as well as recruitment of future seminarians. To register for the dinner, or to simply make a donation, visit: <https://salinadiocese.org/events/annual-seminarianfundraising-dinner-2/>



Cheer on our Priests/Seminarians and Youth at Running Revs Basketball Game beginning at 6 pm at the TMP-Marian Al Billinger Fieldhouse on Fri, August 13th. Enjoy some pizza after the game.

2021 10th Annual Diocesan Men's Conference is set for Saturday, Aug. 14, from 8am to 12:30pm, at Immaculate Heart of Mary parish in Hays. The theme is "Men of Hope" and falls on the feast day of St. Maximilian Kolbe, a great witness of hope in the darkest of times. Keynote speaker for the event is Chris Padgett, a leading expert on the life of St. Maximilian Kolbe. Registration is available online now.



Janitor Needed. We are needing someone to clean the Munjor School. For now, it would be at least monthly, more often if usage would increase. If interested, please contact Lilly 623-8000.

100 years ago, a picture of the St. Francis Society of Munjor was taken in front of our church. (*This can be found in the parish 1876-1976 book, page 21.*) It was suggested we recreate this setting asking all men of the parish, 18 years and older to participate. Plans are to take a picture following Mass on Sunday, September 12th.

A Family Perspectiveby Bud Ozar

"Stop murmuring" Jesus told the disciples in today's gospel. Complaining is a dead-end and constant complaining is nagging. We might feel better but others feel bitter. Silence or grumbling will not resolve the problem. Address differences honestly and respectfully. Don't make them personal attacks.



Sunday, October 3:

Annual Anniversary Mass, 11:00 a.m. & Potluck.

Monday, October 4:

Bishop Vincke will be here to celebrate Mass at 5:30 p.m. for the feast of St. Francis of Assisi.



John Dreiling, Matt Shorman, Special Intentions, Ramona Weigel, 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.

Families or individuals can still sign up to participate in the Traveling Chalice for Vocations ministry. For those not yet familiar with this ministry, you take the Chalice home and pray daily for Vocations, suggested daily prayers are provided. Contact Lilly if you are interested.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



More 2 Life

Take 2 with Jerry & Debbie is a unique live daily call-in show. Hosts Jerry Usher and Debbie Georgianni share from their hearts and personal experiences, focusing closely on their listeners and helping them become aware of their tremendous worth and potential. Taking a fresh look at personal, spiritual, and cultural issues, their ultimate desire is to bring others to a realization of how much God loves them and has a beautiful plan for their lives. Tune in at 11 AM on weekdays. The call-in number is 833-288-3986.

Divine Mercy Radio's 11th Annual Appreciation Banquet will take place in two locations: at 6pm, on Sat., Sept. 11, at The Strand Event Center, Hays and at 6pm, on Sun. Sept. 12, in the Hall of Bishops, Sacred Heart Cathedral, Salina. Cost is \$55 if purchased before Aug. 20. After Aug. 20, if tickets are still available, the cost is \$60. The cost includes appetizers and adult beverages. This is a sit down, served banquet with a great speaker, Father John Riccardo, who will be talking about What Do We Most Need Now? To purchase tickets, send your check, along with which banquet you will attend (Hays or Salina) and your meal choice (steak or chicken) to: Divine Mercy Radio 108 E. 12th St. Hays, KS 67601 785-621-4110

AUGUST – There is no time off for traffickers. Their networks are always alive learning better ways to buy and sell people. U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking (sistersagainstrafficking.org)

On seeing them, Paul gave thanks to God and took courage. Acts 28:15

July 2021

Dear Fr. Damian,

We thank you for your generosity to St. Joseph Parish. We have received the very kind & generous gift of \$28300 to St. Joseph Food Pantry & Diaper Closet from the very kind parishioners of St. Francis Parish in Milijo. Together we serve those who are in need and help our community remain a great place to live. Sincerely, Renee Michael, Coordinator



HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Rachel Wentling, Principal 625-3131

- Aug. 11 -5:00-8:00 p.m.-Arby's Family Dine-in night.
Aug. 12 -4:30-6:00 p.m.-Teacher "Meet & Greet".
Aug. 17 -1st 1/2 day of school K-6th! No lunch/bus/ASC!
Aug. 18 -1st Full day of school K-6th!
Aug. 19 -8:00 a.m.-Opening School Mass!
Aug. 20 -4:00-10:00 p.m.-Back to School Bash @ TMP-M!

HFE is seeking self-initiators who love God and are willing to serve His children as a paraprofessional.

HFE is also seeking enthusiastic individuals to supervise and serve children in our After School Care program. These positions run on the school year calendar and are scheduled 3-6 pm each day school is in session. Interested individuals should contact the school office for applications.



THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN

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

- Aug. 16: 8:30 am - 11:30am Orientation for new High School Students
12pm - 3:15 Orientation for 7th and 8th grades
Aug. 17: First day of School (Early Release)
Aug. 20: 4pm - 10pm Back to School Bash

Job Openings! TMP-M currently has 1 job positions open. We need a full-time custodian/maintenance person. Please contact school (625-6577) for more information.

Hell can't be made attractive, so the Devil makes attractive the road that leads there. +St. Basil the Great

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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.