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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. Mar 19	8:00 am	+Nick & Almeda Stecklein
Wed. Mar 22	7:30 am	+Alicia Brull
Sun. Mar 26	8:00 am	L/D Tony & Wilma Seib family
Wed. Mar 29	7:30 am	L/D Ben & Margaret Brenner fam

SERVERS

Sunday, March 19	Ahnalyn Leiker & Jacob Leiker
Sunday, March 26	Cali Richmeier & Rafe Richmeier

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, March 19	Josh Waddell & Michelle Werth
Sunday, March 26	Lilly Binder & Glenn Stramel

LECTORS OFFERTORY GIFTS

Sun. Mar 19	Nathan Leiker	Sid & Joanne Steinert
Sun. Mar 26	John Moeder	Blake & Kenna Spencer

GREETERS

Sunday, March 19	Brian Pfannenstiel
Sunday, March 26	Jeanette Pfannenstiel

COLLECTION TEAM

Sunday, March 19

Tony Rohr, Rich Ruder, Caleb Staley, Randy Werth

Sunday, March 26

Rexton Leiker, Brian P., Trenton Staley, Brandon Z.

TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

Sunday, March 19	Tony & Patty Rohr
Sunday, March 26	Jeff & Wendy Richmeier
Sunday, April 2	Aaron & Kolleen Dome
Sunday, April 9	Randy & Michelle Werth

Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure	
Envelopes	\$2,374.00
Loose	\$75.00
Total	\$2,449.00



Seeing With God's Eyes:

The Church reminds us once again that God loves us so deeply that He hopes we will follow the true light of His beloved Son. Therefore, my dear friends, let us thank the Lord for His kindness and pray that He will continue to enhance our spiritual eyesight, so that we can see more clearly our iniquities of bias and judgmental attitudes and the value of others so as to transform ourselves and walk with others towards eternal life!

God is light, without God's light, nobody can see.

Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind" (Jn 9:39). Indeed, Jesus comes to the world to heal our spiritual blindness so that we can recognize him as the way, the truth, and the life! Therefore, instead of focusing on the blindness of others, why don't we pay more attention to ourselves?

What cause our spiritual blindness, you might ask?

Our attitudes of **arrogance**, our **prejudice**, our **discrimination** and all of our bad dispositions, will eventually make us blind. The good news is that if we choose to follow Christ and His light, which will brighten our **faith**, **hope**, and **love**, and restore our spiritual vision, then we will be able to walk towards eternal life.

"What is the holy light of Christ?" you may ask. It is God's mercy, compassion, and forgiveness!

Let us also pray for those who are still walking in the darkness: may the holy light of Christ guide them and shower them with His blessings. May the holy light of Christ lead us all to everlasting life.

...Deacon Robin Cheung

The Significance of the Miracle

Jesus uses saliva and dirt to heal the man, very ordinary things. By healing the blind man with a simple gesture, Jesus shows his divine power and authority over creation. The use of spit and dirt, which were considered unclean in Jewish culture, further emphasizes Jesus' ability to transform and sanctify all things.

Some scholars suggest that the use of water and mud in this healing story may symbolize baptism. In early Christianity, baptism was seen as a symbolic washing away of sin and a new birth into a life of faith. Just as the blind man's eyes were opened, so too is baptism seen as a spiritual awakening and renewal.

The story of the man born blind is also significant in terms of theological debates around sin and suffering. In Jewish culture, it was believed that physical disabilities were the result of sin, either of the individual or their parents. However, Jesus challenges this view by stating that the man's blindness was not caused by sin, but rather was an opportunity for God's power to be displayed.

Christian Mothers Meeting following Mass today.

EVENTS IN THE HEARTLAND

Heartland Parish Lenten Mission 2023

Devotion to Mary: Freely you have received freely you are to give." Matthew 10:8

Sun., March 19 at 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 20 at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 21 at 7:00 p.m.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Hays Speaker: Sr. Maria Jacinta, IHM She has been in the convent for 25 years and is eager to share with others the beautiful Marian spirituality she has received from years of instruction and prayer.

Religious Education: Wednesday 6:30 pm



Stations of the Cross & Rosary Friday 6pm Volunteer servers appreciated!

Catholic Relief Services Collection reveals Christ's love to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support for struggling communities and to work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection.

Stewardship Renewal Forms were handed/mailed out last week. All parishioners are asked to complete them and return as soon as possible. This information is helpful to plan ministries at Mass as well as keep our parish records up to date. What gifts of time, talent and treasure will you share?

Perpetual Adoration Chapel opening: Saturdays, 7pm and 9pm. Contact Geri Rupp 785-639-5588.



Munjor K of C Fish Fry

Friday March 31, 5-7 pm in the Munjor School Gym.

Menu: Fried Fish, Noodles & Beans, & Grebbel.

Free will offering. All proceeds go to the Salina Diocese Seminarian Fund.

Dine in or to go orders welcome.

Victoria Knights of Columbus Fish Fries Dine-in or carry-out service available Serving: Deep-fried Pollock, Fried Noodles and Beans, Coleslaw, Baked Potatoes, Bread, and Drink \$15 for adults \$5 for children ages 5-12 Fridays — March 17 & March 31 5:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. or until the food is gone at the Victoria VFW Hall

Divine Mercy Sunday

The Divine Mercy Prayer Service will be held at 3 p.m., Sunday, April 16, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. The hour will include Eucharistic Exposition, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy in song, litany of prayers and meditation. Jesus entrusted Saint Maria Faustina with the task of spreading the message of his Divine Mercy through a series of visions and interior locutions in the 1930s. When Pope John Paul II canonized Saint Faustina April 30, 2000, he declared the Sunday after Easter to be Divine Mercy Sunday and an official feast day of the Church. Everyone is encouraged to pray the novena to the Divine Mercy, which begins on Good Friday. Leaflets on this novena are in the brochure rack of the church. CONFESSIONS WILL BE HEARD BEGINNING AT 2 p.m.

This prayer service is sponsored by Divine Mercy Radio.

Ellis Knights of Columbus Fish Fries: March 17 & 24 from 5:00-7:00pm! It's that time of year where your favorite Knights are in the kitchen frying up fish! Come to the Ellis Knights Hall. All-You-Can-Eat Fried Fish, Baked Fish, Scaloped Potatoes, Noodles & Beans, Coleslaw, Tea & Water! Cost is \$15 for adults, \$8 for 6-12yrs, and Free 5 & Under!

St. Joseph's Parish Meatless Soups & Breads LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS - Please join us for the meatless soup suppers the Fridays of Lent in the Kennedy Cafeteria from 5:00 to 6:30 pm. This will be followed by the Stations of the Cross at 6:30 pm. No soup supper on Good Friday.

St. Nicholas 8th gr. Jr. CYO presents Shadow Stations on Friday, March 24, at 7pm, at church. Sponsored by the St. Nicholas Evangelization Commission.

St Nicholas of Myra Ladies Guild has a bingo on March 26; 1 pm; St Nick's parish hall. Snacks will be available for purchase including hotdogs & popcorn. There will be a raffle of nice prizes & a split the pot raffle. Hope everyone can join us



Mike Suppes, Matt Shorman, Rick Werth, Carol Legleiter, Special Intentions, Helen Werth, Becky Robben, Maya Gottschalk, Stan Herrmann, 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.

ServSafe Food Handler Class will be on Monday, March 20, from 1:30 to 4:30pm, at 601 Main St., Hays. Training covers basic food safety, personal hygiene, preventing cross-contamination, food allergens, time and temperature controls and cleaning and sanitation. Fee includes ServSafe Food Handler Guide book and a snack. A certificate of attendance is provided to each participant present for the entire class. Register and pay the \$15 registration fee by March 17. For more information contact Monique at moniquek@ksu.edu or call 785-628-9430.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

“Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart.” 1Samuel 16:7

How often do we invest our time, talent and treasure in creating an appearance that does not matter at all to God? We strive to impress with our clothing, home, career, possessions, car and other marks of distinction. But none of these illusions of greatness will impress God. Instead, He will look into our hearts to see how much we loved Him, how much we loved others and how we showed that love by the way we used our time, talent and treasure here on earth.

MARCH: All of us are consumers. Do you know the slave footprint that exists in the chain of work that it takes to create many of the products and food that we consume? US Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking, 7575 Grand River Rd., Suite 109, Brighton, MI 48114.

Job Openings TMP-Marian

Finance Coordinator. Duties and Responsibilities include bank statement and account reconciliation, general bookkeeping, tax receipting, and providing accounting oversight for the Alumni/Advancement/Endowment Offices. Preferred qualifications for this position include a Bachelor’s Degree in Accounting/Finance, finance/bookkeeping experience, experience with *QuickBooks*, and experience with database management.

Alumni Coordinator. This position is responsible for the development and on-going maintenance of alumni relationships and for the development, planning and coordination of Alumni events. Duties and Responsibilities include leading efforts to track and update Alumni information and planning for Alumni events. Preferred qualifications for this position would include being an Alumnus of Thomas More Prep-Marian.

For more info contact Mason Ruder, Advancement Director at 785-621-5427 or at ruderm@tmpmarian.org.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Rachel Wentling, Principal
(785) 625-3131

- March 20 Home & School Meeting 7 pm
- March 21 New Parent Information Night 5:30 pm
- March 23 Father’s Mass 8:00 am IHM

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! Try the new BoxTops for Education app on your phone or devices! You have 2 weeks to scan your store receipts to earn our school points \$\$ automatically, just from your phone! We can give your pulltabs to HHS for the Ronald McDonald Houses of America! Thanks for your continued support!!!



THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN

Chad Meitner, Principal

Bob Leikam, Jr. High Assistant Principal
(785) 625-6577

- March 20 Alumni Board Meeting 5 pm—6:30 pm
- March 21 Winter Sports Banquet 6—8 pm
- March 24 Spring Sports Pictures

Theotokos Catholic Homeschool Co-op

Samantha Baker 785-639-3285 *RSVP required*



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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.

Sunday, March 19, 2023 ~ Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 19 - Tuesday, March 21

IHM - Heartland Parish Mission IHM Sisters from Wichita

Wednesday, March 22

Catharine - Stations 6:00

Thursday, March 23

Schoenchen - Stations - 7:00pm

Friday, March 24

Comeau Campus Center - Stations 11:30am

IHM - Stations - 2:35pm, 7:00pm English, 8:00pm Spanish

Munjor - Stations 6:00pm

St. Joseph - Lenten Soup Supper 5:00pm/Stations 6:30pm

St. Nicholas - Adoration - 8:00am-7:00pm

St. Nicholas - Stations & Confessions - 7:00pm

Wednesday, March 29

Catharine - Stations 6:00

Thursday, March 30

Antonino - Stations - 7:00pm

Friday, March 31

Comeau Campus Center - Stations 11:30am

IHM - HFE Living Stations 2:15pm, 7:00pm English, 8:00pm Spanish

Munjor - Stations/Benediction 6:00pm

St. Joseph - Lenten Soup Supper 5:00pm/Stations 6:30pm

St. Nicholas - Adoration - 8:00am-7:00pm

St. Nicholas - Stations & Confessions - 7:00pm

Sunday, April 2

St. Joseph - Communal Penance Service 3:00pm

Wednesday, April 5

Munjor - Communal Penance Service - 6:30pm

Thursday, April 6, Holy Thursday

Catharine - 7:00pm

Comeau Campus Center - 5:45pm

IHM - 7:00pm - Bilingual, No 5:00pm Confessions

Munjor - 5:30pm

Schoenchen - 5:30pm

St. Joseph - 7:00pm

St. Nicholas - 7:30pm

Friday, April 7 - Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

Antonino - Service 1:00pm

Catharine - 2:30pm

Comeau Catholic Campus Center - 12:10pm

IHM - 3:00pm English Service, 6:30pm Spanish Service

Munjor - Noon

St. Joseph - Stations 12:05 p.m., Good Friday Service 3:00 p.m.

St. Nicholas - Service 5:30pm

Saturday, April 8 - Holy Saturday

Comeau Campus Center - 9:00pm

IHM - 8:30pm Bilingual, No 4:00pm Confessions and 5:00pm Mass

St. Joseph - 8:30pm

St. Nicholas - 8:00pm

Sunday, April 9 - Easter

Antonino - 10:30am

Catharine - 9:00pm

Comeau Catholic Campus Center - 9:00am, 11:00am, No 6:00pm Mass

IHM - 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm (Spanish). No 6:00pm Mass

Munjor - 8:00am

Schoenchen - 8:30am

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

St. Nicholas - 9:30am & 11:00am

Lenten Parish Mission

DEVOTION TO MARY:

“ Freely you have received;
Freely you are to give.”

Matthew 10:8



Join us for the Heartland Parish Mission as Sr. Maria Jacinta, Immaculate Heart of Mary of Wichita, KS helps us come to know Our Lady more closely during this holy Lenten season.



Immaculate Heart of Mary, Hays, KS

March 19th at 7:30 p.m.

March 20th at 7:00 p.m.

March 21st at 7:00 p.m.

Sr. Maria Jacinta grew up in Sacred Heart Parish, Arkansas City with her parents and two brothers. Upon graduating high school, she attended Emporia State University for two years, then she took a break from school to volunteer with the National Evangelization Team Ministries and St. Paul's Outreach. During that year, meditating on Scripture every day and praying the Rosary regularly, she grew to experience Our Lord's love for her and a desire grew to love Him back with all her heart. Planning to finish college, she went on a retreat at the Convent after returning from NET Ministries, and was surprised to find that Our Lord was calling her to enter religious life as an IHM Sister, that this is where all her deepest desires would be fulfilled. She cancelled her plans for college and entered the Convent 6 weeks later. In her 25 years in the Convent, she has found that Our Lord has more than kept His promise to her, and all her deepest desires have been fulfilled. Becoming an IHM Sister remains the best and most grace-filled decision she has ever made. Deo gratias!

As a Sister of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Sr. Maria Jacinta is eager to share with others the beautiful Marian spirituality she has received from years of instruction and prayer.