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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday - 8:00 am Tuesday - 8:00 am Thursday - 8:00 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

8:00 am K of C 25th Anniversary Sun. Feb 23 Tue. Feb 25 8:00 am L/D John G. Befort family Ash Wed 26 5:30 pm +Marvin & Bernita Younger Th. Feb 28 8:00 am +Gilbert, Gloria & Danny Leiker

Sun. Mar 1 8:00 am +Diana Dome Tue. Mar 3 8:00 am +Farron Leiker

Th. Mar 5 8:00 am +Steve & Aaron Pfannenstiel



MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SERVERS

Sunday, Feb 23 Braydon Binder & Rexton Leiker Ash Wednesday Logan Leiker & Daunte Younker Sunday, Mar 1 Wyatt Gerstner & Cali Richmeier

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, Feb 23 Seyona Roda & Rhonda Stramel Ash Wednesday Larry Koirth & Peggy Richmeier Sunday, Mar 1 Nathan Leiker & Wendy Richmeier

LECTORS OFFERTORY GIFTS Sun. Feb 23 Lauren Moeder Rich & Sherri Ruder

Ash Wed. Gene Gottschalk **CCD Students**

Sun. Mar 1 Brian Pfannenstiel Ken & Peggy Richmeier

GREETERS

Sunday, Feb 23 Wilbert Gross Ash Wednesday **CCD Students** Sunday, Mar 1 Linda Gross

COLLECTION TEAM

Sunday, February 23

Jerry Gross, Nathan Leiker, John Moeder, Brian Pfannenstiel Sunday, March 1

David Leiker, Kenny Pfannenstiel, Tony Staley, Glenn Stramel

TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

Sunday, Feb 23 Tony & Patty Rohr Sunday, March 1 Jeff & Wendy Richmeier Sunday, March 8 Randy & Michelle Werth Sunday, March 15 Herman & Rosie Leiker

Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure

Envelopes \$2,000.00 Loose

\$84.00

Candles

\$8.00

TOTAL \$2,092.00

FATHER JARETT'S ~ Q & A

If a person has not committed any serious sin, is there still a need for annual confession?

Let's put it this way; how often do you need to say "I'm sorry" to your spouse; or maybe your brother or sister? Do you only see a need to apologize when you do something "big" like committing adultery or physical abuse? Never needing to say you are sorry, is not love, it is personal and spiritual pride. True love is when two individuals are able to challenge and confront one another in areas of weakness in order to encourage each other to become the persons God created them to be. "As iron sharpens iron, one friend sharpens another." (Prov. 27:17)

As long as the two people in the relationship are human, this type of love will entail misunderstandings, mistakes and hurts: sometimes little and sometimes big. Therefore, a relationship of love cannot exist without frequent use of the phrase, "I am sorry." So too with the spiritual life, unless we reflect upon our humanness and the engrained characteristics of sin in our life and seek reconciliation for those flaws, no matter how small, we cannot grow in our relationship with God.

Obviously, we live in a "modern" world, which promotes "I'm okay, you're okay!" This world says that sin and weakness are terms of the past used by institutions such as the Church to keep weak-minded individuals in their place. Previous generations had long confession lines and short communion lines while today, confession is rare and Holy Communion is frequent for all. Is this a problem? Does sin no longer exist; are we Catholics no longer in strained relationships with God? I'm afraid it's more frequent than we are willing to admit.

We need not look too far to come to grips with the reality that sin still exists. One only need turn on the evening news or open the newspaper. Therefore we know it is still easy to recognize sin "out there" in the world, but do we recognize it, "in here", in the recesses of our own hearts? One big question I receive is Father, what if I don't really have anything to confess? Sometime I would like to respond, well congratulations, if you're lucky, you might just be the first saint to be canonized while still alive. But seriously, my recommendation for those who can't think of sin is to spend some guiet time in front of Our Lord in the Eucharist and He has a tendency of revealing things to us of which we are sometimes not even aware.

Secondly, if you struggle with recognizing sin in your life spend some time examining your conscience.

There are a number of good examines on the internet or in various prayer books, many times based upon reflections from the ten commandments. As we continue to pray and ask God to help us see those sins, which might now be hidden, we will wonder how we ever survived before without frequent use of this sacrament.

The last aspect of this sacrament that we sometimes forget about is the fact that we receive God's grace in this sacrament, which is there to help us do better, to grow in faith and love with God. The second precept of the Catholic Church is "You shall confess your sins at least once a year." Does that frequency of seeking forgiveness work for any of your other important relationships? Obviously, this is a bare minimum for us as Catholics. This is why for anyone seriously seeking to walk the path of holiness many saints and scholars of the Church recommend at least once a month, if not every couple of weeks for reception of this sacrament. Let us reexamine this wonderful gift and continue to seek to be renewed with God so that free from the bonds of sin, we might draw others to the freedom and joy of life in pure relationship with Jesus Christ.

In Christ's Loving Service Your Pastor,

Fr. Jarett

Questions of Clarifications? Email Fr. Jarett at father.konrade@eaglecom.net



ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26th MASS AT 5:30 p.m.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: No Class, Ash Wednesday.



Stations of the Cross Friday, 7:00 p.m. (Need three volunteer servers)

Annual Stewardship Renewal Forms. If you have not already done so, please return the form by the end of the month. This form helps keep our parish database up to date. Thank you for sharing your gifts of time, talent and treasure.

The Bishop's Annual Appeal – Call to Share reminds us it is your responsibility and mine – all of ours – that the work of God continues to be done through the Church that He established 2000 years ago. All the people and parishes working together can do amazing things.

The Sunflower Chapter of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia will have their quarterly meeting on Sunday, Feb. 23, at the St. Joseph School building starting with a potluck from Noon to 1pm, followed by meeting and a dance by Wes Windholz. For those who don't want to dance this would be a good time to work on your genealogy. Guests are welcome! The dance is free to the public, but donations will be accepted.



St. Nicholas K of C Council is hosting a free will offering **Fish Fry** on Friday, Feb. 28, from 5 to 7pm, in the Parish Hall. Menu: fried fish & chips, mac & cheese, coleslaw, bread, and ice cream.

Proceeds going for to help pass a human life amendment to the Kansas Constitution.



The Munjor Knights of Columbus will be hosting two Lenten Fish Fry's: <u>Friday</u>, <u>March13</u>, <u>and Friday</u>, <u>April 3</u>, <u>from 5-7pm</u>. **Menu**: Fried Fish, Noodles & Beans, and

Grebel, cost is \$10.00 (12 and under, Free.) New location - will be at the Munjor School Gymnasium. Lots of room and lots of great food! Everyone is welcome to attend.

An invitation from Bishop Vinke: "Our Blessed Mother gave life to the One who is our Life." She is our loving Mother who desires to help us in our needs. As the bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Salina, I would like to extend an invitation to all of our parishioners to join me in a special statewide rosary crusade every Thursday to help us pass a human life amendment to the Kansas Constitution. This amendment will reverse the Kansas Supreme Court's decision to grant a constitutional right to abortion. I believe that our prayers have the power to change the hearts of our legislators and with the help of the Blessed Mother, we will be able to overturn this ruling. I thank you for your willingness to participate and I encourage you to join me in praying for an end to abortion and respect for all life from conception to natural death." To join the Rosary Crusade visit kansasrosarycrusade.org/.



Genita Hughes, Special Intentions, Curt Brungardt, Charlie Munsch, Carole Carter,

Stan Herrmann, Jack Harwood, Jerry Barnes, Parishioners in Health Care Facilities.

Drop requests in the collection basket or let Lilly know.

Let Lilly know when the intention should be removed.

The Catholic Diocese of Salina is seeking to hire a person in the Stewardship and Development office at the Chancery. This position is a key member of the team and will help create a culture of philanthropy. **Annual Gifts and Event Manager** will be responsible for the annual gift program of the diocese, as well as events that lead to gift support or steward existing donors. Qualified candidates for this position will be willing and able to support the mission of the Catholic Diocese of Salina by supporting the directives of the Bishop. To apply, review the position descriptions with qualifications on the diocesan website at https://salinadiocese.org/offices/human-resources/amployment_Then_send_cover_letter_amplication

resources/employment. Then, send cover letter, application and resume to Fr. Keith Weber, P.O. Box 980, Salina, KS 67402 or e-mail information to keith.weber@salinadiocese.org.

BINGO & RAFFLE The St. Nicholas Ladies Guild will be holding their annual Bingo and Raffle on March 22. from 1 to 3pm. Raffle includes a Ring doorbell, an RCA laptop tablet and many more prizes.

Abby Johnson Leading the way to a culture of life - Former Planned Parenthood director and accomplished author Abby Johnson who inspired the movie Unplanned, will be at the Century 2 Convention Center in Wichita, Kansas on May 2. Tickets are \$10 per person, children 12 and under free. Tickets are on sale at www.century2.org. All proceeds benefit pro-life causes.

FEBRUARY − Feb. 8, is the feast day of St. Josephine Bahkita, patroness of kidnapped and trafficked children. Pray for trafficked victims and their perpetrators. U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking. (www.sistersagainsttrafficking.org). USCSAHT is a 501© 3 organization. 2039 N Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131

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CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Rachel Wentling, Principal 625-3131

- Feb. 25 Pancake Races, 2:30 p.m. Parent Teacher Conf., All Grades, 4 to 6 p.m.
- Feb. 27 Early Release Day, 1:15 p.m. No Preschool, Preschool Parent Teacher Conf Parent Teacher Conf., All Grades, 4 to 6 p.m.
- Feb. 28 No School



THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN

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

Full Time Custodian This position is during weekday afternoons / evenings (2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.) General cleaning and disinfecting skills needed in a school setting. Ability to run various cleaning machines that are used for the cleaning of restrooms and classrooms. Benefits include:

- 1) Health Insurance with a diocesan-determined amount that the employer pays for 2) Life Insurance Benefit
- 3) Vacation and Holiday days
- 4) IRA plan with employer matching up to 3% of salary. Submit resumes to Tom Kisner at kisner@tmpmarian.org. Hard copies may be mailed to 1701 Hall Street, Hays KS 67601 att: Tom Kisner.

2020 Auction for Christian Education (ACE)

Preparations are underway for ACE 2020 which will take place on Saturday, April 25, 2020. The theme is "ACE in the Wild" a safari theme! Tickets are available now through the Alumni Office at (785) 625-9434. Donations are being accepted and the details are available at tmp-m.org/ace/

Monarch 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament and Hotshot Contest on Saturday, March 21, 2020. The tournament will be held at Thomas More Prep-Marian, Holy Family Elementary, and the former Kennedy Middle School. The tournament is limited to grades 3rd through 8th. Register teams online at tmp-m.org

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