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MASS SCHEDULE

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. May 23 8:00 am +Virgil J. & LuVerna Pfannenstiel

Wed. May 26 7:30 am +Keith Fieler

Sun. May 30 8:00 am +Les & Lynette Callahan Gross

Wed. June 2 7:30 am +Leo & Elizabeth Klaus

SERVERS

Sunday, May 23 Cali Richmeier & Rafe Richmeier Sunday, May 30 Logan Leiker & Rexton Leiker

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, May 23 Lilly Binder & Mark Leiker

Sunday, May 30 Lauren Moeder & Wendy Richmeier

LECTORS OFFERTORY GIFTS

Sun. May 23 Natalie Oborny
Sun. May 30 Brian Pfannenstiel
Rich & Sherri Ruder
Frank & Paulette Seib

GREETERS

Sunday, May 23 Herman & Rosie Leiker Sunday, May 30 Nathan & Jenalyn Leiker

COLLECTION TEAM

Sunday, May 23

Larry Koirth, David Leiker, Josh Waddell, Neal Younger **Sunday, May 30**

Jerry Gross, Mark Leiker, Greg Pfannenstiel, Rich Ruder

TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

Sunday, May 23 Tony & Patty Rohr
Sunday, May 30 Jeff & Wendy Richmeier
Sunday, June 6 Ken & Peggy Richmeier
Sunday, June 13 Mark & Dora Leiker

Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure

Envelopes Loose \$1,600.00 \$47.00

Total \$1,647.00



REFLECTION FROM DEACON STEVE URBAN

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 John 20: 19-23

One of my favorite prayers that I use before I do any Church work is the prayer to the Holy Spirit. The first part of the prayer goes like this, "Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of us Your faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth Your Spirit and we shall be created." I especially like the part about kindling in us the fire of your love. So many times, I feel only lukewarm in my faith, lethargic in my ministry, lacking enthusiasm. It is the Holy Spirit who empowers me and gives me the fire in my belly, the direction I need, the wisdom to deal with difficult situations. In today's readings we see that same Holy Spirit bringing the Church to birth and filling the disciples with the power of the resurrected Jesus. And the Church brought to life is then sent on a mission to forgive people's sins and bring the gift of peace to the hearts of all. We are the Church and on this feast of Pentecost we are sent forth in the power of the Spirit to heal, forgive, and bring peace to all.

Pentecost, meaning 50 days in Greek, was originally a Jewish agricultural feast that celebrated the abundance of the grain harvest. It was the Jewish Feast of Weeks and that's why all the people were gathered in Jerusalem in today's first reading. In later Judaism, this feast commemorated the giving of the law at Mount Sinai. In the midst of this gathering of Jews for this celebration, a new harvest is celebrated. The Holy Spirit is given to those gathered in prayer most likely the apostles, Mary, and some other women. And the author of Acts of the Apostle describes the coming of the Holy Spirit as a strong driving wind and tongues of fire. However one tries to describe the Holy Spirit, one thing is certain...the Holy Spirit made those fearful men and women on fire. It gave them courage to boldly proclaim Jesus Christ and his message. We claim this event at the birthday of the Church. For the author of the Gospel of John, the risen Jesus appears to the early disciples and the Holy Spirit is given to them in one event. And with the giving of the Holy Spirit the disciples are sent forth to spread God's peace and forgiveness. The Church is entrusted with the mission of forgiveness and reconciliation!

So that brings us to this moment...2021! We are celebrating the birthday of the Church...the beginning of the Church. And birthdays are a time to renew ourselves and take stock of our lives. We have to ask ourselves...are we as committed to living our Catholic faith as we should be. Are we on fire for our faith? Do we burn with the enthusiasm to go out and proclaim what God has done in our lives? Has the Holy Spirit enkindled

his love in our hearts? I believe the Holy Spirit has come into us, but often we don't recognize his presence or are frozen by fear and timidity. Often, we believe it's someone else's responsibility or calling to be holy. It's Father's job or Sister's job, not mine. This feast of Pentecost is a wake-up call! The Holy Spirit is giving us the gifts we need to be bold and courageous. The Spirit is directing our hearts outward into the world to be peace and forgiveness. Let's trust that God has given us a mission, the gifts to accomplish that mission, and the power and enthusiasm to see it to completion.

~ Deacon Steve

<u>Hospital visits now allowed</u>. If you or a loved one will be in the hospital & would like a visit from Fr. Damian, please call 628-1446 for info. Thank you!



Mowing & trimming at the cemetery will be done on Wednesday, May 26th beginning around 5:00 p.m. All help is greatly appreciated!

Stewardship Renewal Forms: To date 37 forms have been returned, which represents 44%. *Have you returned yours?*

Church Council Election, June 6th: Due to terms being up, there are two openings for women to serve on the Church Council beginning in July. If you would like to be on the ballot or would like to nominate a woman from the parish, drop the name(s) in the collection or contact a council member: Ernie Binder, Landon Leiker, Natalie Oborny, Brian Pfannenstiel, Cathy Pfeifer, Gary Staab, Glenn Stramel, Jerome Vajnar or Brandi Zimmerman.

Vacation Bible School

IHM Vacation Bible School Registration 2021
Sunday, June 6 - Thursday, June 10 5:30pm to 8:00pm
ELIGIBILITY: Children Entering 1st, 2nd and 3rd Gr. Fall 2021
COST: \$15.00 per Child REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
May 15, 2021Additional forms are needed to register your child(ren) to attend VBS, please visit the IHM Parish
Website at www.ihm-church.com or stop by the IHM
Parish Office.

St. JOSEPH CEMETERY: Families are welcome to place flowers at the resting place of loved ones. Please note the cemetery staff will be mowing approximately 2 weeks after Memorial Day (around June 14th).

Volunteers Needed: Prayerfully consider being a volunteer at our St. John's Chapel at Via Christi in Hays. Days needed are Tuesday, Wednesday & Saturday from 9:30-11:15 am. Also, if you would be comfortable reciting the rosary, lectoring, or Extraordinary Minister of the Holy Eucharist, these gifts are very much appreciated. Please call Associate Chaplain Karen Bieker at 7856283241.



Heartland Parishes CORPUS CHRISTI Eucharistic Procession, Sunday, June 6th, 2:00 p.m.

From St. Joseph Church to Immaculate Heart of Mary.

We will begin with Exposition of the St. Joseph Church followed by a

Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph Church followed by a procession to Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish for Benediction. All the faithful are encouraged to join us!

31 DAYS OF CASH GIVEAWAY July 1-31. \$25 donation, only 400 tickets sold, one ticket drawn every day in July. Winners notified daily. Every ticket will be included in all drawings. July 1-28=\$125; July 29=\$250; July 30=\$350. July 31= THREE \$500 winners. Contact Irvin Leiker @ 785-628-1984 or Roger Rife @ 785-623-1852 for tickets or stop by the St. Joseph Church Parish office!

ST. JOSEPH DIAPER CLOSET: Donations are needed of disposable diapers sizes 1-6, especially the larger sizes. Drop off at Kennedy doors 25 or 26.



Matt Shorman, Adam, 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.

MAY - Pimp's market and sell people for sex on-line, in truck stops, on streets, and even in homes. Be aware of the programs your child watches and those that come across your screen. U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking (sistersagainsttrafficking.org)

A Family Perspectiveby Bud Ozar

Today, on Pentecost, we remember Christ has given us the Holy Spirit to assist us in raising our family and he expects us to use this personal gift. Let's turn-off the noise, apps and distractions in our lives and let the Holy Spirit "guide us to the truth."

2021 DIOCESAN MEN'S CONFERENCE is set for Saturday, August 14th 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.

The Son Rise Morning Show presents a national drive-time audience with everything they need to start their day. Anna Mitchell, Matt Swaim, and the team cover current events, catechesis, and reflections on the saint of the day & the readings from Mass. 6-8am weekdays on 105.7 FM Divine Mercy Radio.

HOST FAMILIES FOR TMP-MARIAN INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS:

TMP-M will be admitting quite a few international students next school year. This means that good families or individuals are needed to help host these students in their homes for the school year. What does this mean? You would welcome these eager students into your home, you will need one or two bedrooms (we have a sibling pair that would like to be hosted together), be able to provide transportation to and from school and one after school activity per semester, provide 3 meals for the students (on school days breakfast and lunch can be taken at school and is part of their school fees), have access to the internet in the home. Stipends are provided for host families to offset the cost of hosting a student. You will treat these students as your own and provide a safe environment for them to thrive. If you or your family would like more information on become a host family for TMP-M International Students, please contact Amy Wasinger sawasinger@gmail.com or 7856230287. THANK YOU!

CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Rachel Wentling, Principal 625-3131

May 31-June 4: SCHOOL CLOSED

June/July: Office open Tues-Thur 9-12 & 1-4 June 30: Last day to turn in uniform donations

Support HFE & recycle aluminum cans – place cans in the trailer across the street North of the school in the gravel parking lot on 19th Street! We can also give pulltabs to HHS for the Ronald McDonald House!

Holy Family Elementary has openings for the upcoming 21-22 school year for students entering grades Preschool, Kindergarten, 1st, and 4th. If you are interested or want to get more information, please contact Toni in the school office at 785-625-3131. We are happy to offer family tours and answer any questions you may have about our school!



THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN

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

Vision and strategic planning for TMP-M and HFE is currently happening. It started in January, and a leadership session to go over stakeholder feedback will be held May 27th. The session includes about 20 representatives of parishioners, parents, teachers, alumni, and current school personnel. Thank you for your support of our Catholic schools!

Check TMP-M web page for upcoming events. We wish everyone a blessed and safe summer!

Bethlehem was God with us Calvary was God for us Pentecost is God in us.



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