

St. Joseph Catholic Church

215 West 13th - Hays, Ks. 67601

Comeau Catholic Campus Center

506 W. 6th - Hays, Ks. 67601



The Most Holy Trinity May 30, 2021

St. Joseph Mass Times

Saturday: 8:00am & 5:00pm Sunday: 7:30am & 10:30am Monday - Friday: 6:30am

Holy Days Masses: See Bulletin/Website

Rosary before each Mass.

Confession: Sat. 3:30pm; Wed. 5:00pm Sun. 6:45-7:15am / 9:45-10:15am

First Friday Devotions: Noon

Comeau Campus Center Mass Times

Sunday: 9:00am & 6:00pm Monday - Thursday: 5:45pm

Friday: 12:10pm

Holy Day Masses - See bulletin

Confession - Mon. - Thurs., 5:00-5:40pm Sunday, 5:00-5:30pm

(All Year)

Adoration - After Mass, Tues, 9:30am ends Wed. 5:45pm. before the 5:45pm Mass.

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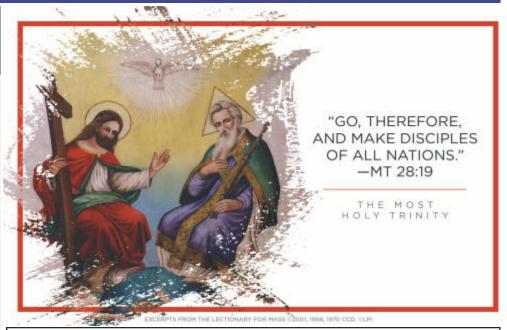
Email: **stjoseph@stjoehays.com**Web Page: www.stj-church.com

Office Hours

Mon.- Thurs. 8:00am - 4:00pm Fri. 8:00 a.m. - noon Office Closed Saturday, Sunday, Holy Days/Holidays



YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH December 8, 2020 - December 8, 2021



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St. Joseph Parish is a Stewardship Parish. A Catholic Steward actively participates and is involved with parish ministries, each according to their time and talents. Continue to regularly pray the stewardship prayer. Help us to place You, our loving Creator, first in our lives by becoming more prayerful and more focused on loving and caring for our families and our neighbors in need. Help us to hear Your call to be good stewards of all Your gifts by sharing them to accomplish Your will, that is the coming of Your kingdom here on earth.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT - "Under the protection of St. Joseph, and ever grateful to the Capuchin Franciscan Friars, we strive to foster a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer, worship and the celebration of the Sacraments. We are dedicated to love and care for all God's people in their physical, educational and spiritual needs through the stewardship of time, talent and treasure."

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, May 30, 2021 - The Mosy Holy Trinity Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20

6:45-7:15 a.m. Confessions

L/D Mem Pete & Anna Sack 7:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m.C +Harvey Pfannenstiel

9:45-10:15 a.m. Confessions 10:30 a.m. For the Parish 6:00 p.m. C +Leonard Herl

Monday, May 31, 2021 - Visitation of the BVM

Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Lk 1:39-56

6:30 a.m. +Cyril Fisher

Tuesday, June 1, 2021 - St. Justin, Martyr

Tb 2:9-14/Mk 12:13-17

6:30 a.m. +Lawrence Oelkers

5:00 p.m. C Confession

5:45 p.m. C +Donald Werth (Ann.)

Wednesday, June 2, 2021– Sts Mercellinus & Peter

Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a/Mk 12:18-27

+Melvia Jane Leiker 6:30 a.m.

Confessions 5:00 p.m. Confessions 5:00 p.m. C

5:45 p.m. C Robert & Flo Beilman

Thursday, June 3, 2021 - St. Charles Lwanga

Tb 6:10-11; 7-1bcde, 17,8:4-9a/Mk 12:28-34

6:30 a.m. +Cvril & Alice Fisher

5:00 p.m. C Confession

5:45 p.m. C L/D Mem Leonard Dinges

Friday, June 4, 2021

Tb 11:5-17/Mk 12:35-37

6:30 a.m. +Deanna Rhea Augustine Funeral - Norma Bollig 10:00 a.m.

12:00 p.m. Sacred Heart Devotion & Adoration

12:10 p.m. C +Mary Ellen Wasinger

Saturday, June 5, 2021 - St. Boniface

Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20/Mk 12:38-44

8:00 a.m. Vocations 3:30 p.m. Confession 5:00 p.m. For the Parish

Sunday, June 6, 2021 - Corpus Christi

Ex 24:3-8/Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

6:45-7:15 a.m. Confessions

7:30 a.m. +Melvia Jane Leiker 9:00 a.m.C Kate - for health 9:45-10:15 a.m. Confessions

10:30 a.m. L/D Mem Mitch & Julie Weber

2:00 p.m. Corpus Christ Procession

6:00 p.m. C **Poor Souls**

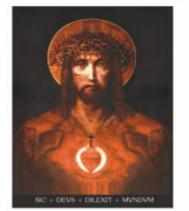
MINISTRY SCHEDULES

	Sat. June 5 5:00pm Mass	Sun. June 6 7:30am Mass	Sun. June 6 10:30am Mass	Sun, June 6 Eucharist Procession 2:00pm		
Sac.	Barb B.	Kevin A.	Vicky W.			
Altar Servers	Mia Lee Abby H. Janet H. Kenton G.	Will L. Parker L.	Brogan Z. Madox Z. Hannah R. Grant W.	Luke R. Trenton R. Blaise S. Grant W Patrick W. Kendall W. Samuel S Heuer B.		
Cantor	BAND	Anita W.	Christy T.	If any servers who are still in school, who are not listed, who would like to participate, please call the parish office, 785-625-7356.		
Reader	Tim F. Ann H.	Jeanne R. Kimberly S.	Brenda T. Joyce R.			
EXHB		Irvin L. Judy D.	Barb W. Troy H.			
Gifts	Ushers Choice	Ushers Choice	Usher Choice			
Ushers	Rob W. Joseph B. Usher Needed Eric H.	Mike B. Joe D. Don D. Steve D.	Eric A. Troy H. Jon S. Usher Needed			

Liturgical Ministry Schedules should be out by this Tuesday. If you didn't receive your copy go to our website. https://www.stj-church.com/ministryschedules, to download a current copy.



Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration in Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus



First Fridays of the Month

12:oopm Noon

St. Joseph Church Hays, Ka.

- Adoration begins at Noon
- Litany of the Sacred Heart Act of Reparation to the Sacred Heart



Please join us to pray on these First Fridays of the mouth for vocations to the priesthood and in reparation for sins against the Sacrad Beart of Jeaus.

Every Saturday we offer Mass for the intention of vocations to the priesthood in our discose. You may fulfill the requirements for the First Saturday devotions when we offer Mass on Saturday mornings at 8 am.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEWS

The **parish office will be closed** on Monday, May 31, in observance of Memorial Day. We will be back open for business on Tuesday, June 1.

ITS PICNIC TIME!!!

St. Joseph Annual Parish Picnic is set for Saturday, June 12th following the 5:00 p.m. Mass in the Grotto area. The men of the parish will be grilling up some delicious burgers for your consumption! Chips, watermelon, desserts, sodas, water and beer will be in pleanty BUT we do need you to call the parish office at 785-625-7356 to make sure we don't run out!!! **Deadline is June 7th.**

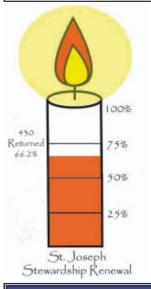


CEMETERY NEWS

Due to the blessing of rain, we will need to mow the cemetery once again. We ask that you remove any items that are not attached to the monument by Monday, June 7th so that the St. Joseph Maintenance staff can proceed with the mowing. We greatly appreciate your cooperation in this matter.



STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL



As of Tuesday, May 25 we have received 430 Stewardship Renewal Forms from the 650 that were sent out, making that 66.2% of the parish. A second mailing has been sent out to everyone who have not turned BOTH forms. We do need your Stewardship Renewal form to make sure all of your information is still current or perhaps needs to be updated. Thank you!

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Collection Team Schedule

May 30 - Tom Drees & Tony Dreiling June 6 - John & Bobbi Schippers June 13 - Jim & Jan Girvan

\$20,900.00	Budgeted envelopes/offertory per week
\$13,997.28	Actual envelopes/offertory received 05/17/21-05/23/21
(\$6,902.72)	For this week, the collection is ahead (behind)
\$905,666.68	Budgeted envelopes/offertory thru 04/30/2021
\$801,675.31	Actual envelopes/offertory thru 04/30/2021
(\$103,991.37)	As of 04/30/2021 we are ahead (behind) budget for the fiscal year.

ST. JOSEPH'S WEEK IN A GLANCE: May 30 - June 5, 2021 SJ = St Joseph Church; C = Catholic Campus Center; KB=Kennedy Building									lding			
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Pastor's Notes

- Fr. Brian Lager -

From Scott Hahn....

Last Sunday, we celebrated the sending of the Spirit, which sealed God's new covenant and made a new creation.

In this new creation, we live in the family of God, who has revealed himself as a Trinity of love. We share in His divine nature through His Body and Blood (see 2 Peter 1:4). This is the meaning of the three feasts that cap the Easter season - Pentecost, Trinity Sunday, and Corpus Christi.

These feasts should be intimate reminders of how deeply God loves us, how He chose us, from before the foundation of the world, to be His children (see Ephesians 1:4–5).

Today's readings illuminate how all God's words and works were meant to prepare for the revelation of the Trinity and God's blessing in Jesus Christ—the blessing we inherited in Baptism, and renew in each Eucharist.

By God's word the heavens and earth were filled with His kindness, we sing in today's Psalm. Out of love, God called Abraham and chose his descendants to be His own people, Moses says in today's First Reading (see Deuteronomy 4:20,37). Through the Israelites, He revealed to the nations that He alone is Lord and there is no other.

In Jesus, God's word took flesh as a son of Abraham (see Matthew 1:1). And Jesus reveals in the Gospel today that the one God is Father, Son, and Spirit, and that He desires to make all people His own.

As He led Israel out of Egypt, God freed us from slavery, Paul says in today's Epistle. As He adopted Israel (see Romans 9:4), He gives us the Spirit by which we can know Him as "Our Father."

As God's heirs, we receive the commissions of Moses and Jesus today. We are to fix our hearts on Him, and to observe all that He has commanded. The Eucharist is His pledge—that He will be with us until the end, that He will deliver us from death to live forever in the promised land of His kingdom.

From Fr. Brian...

The Eucharist is the source and summit of the whole Christian life. A Eucharistic procession, therefore, is a public witness of the veneration toward the most holy Eucharist, conducted through public streets. It takes place in this way: A consecrated host – that is, the real and substantial presence of Jesus Christ: body, blood, soul and divinity – is placed within a monstrance, which is then lifted and carried by a priest who leads the faithful in procession. Like a pilgrimage, a Eucharistic procession normally starts at one holy place and ends at another. This earthly journey reminds the Catholic faithful of their spiritual journey toward eternal life with God.

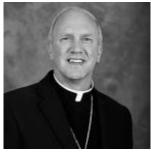
Eucharistic processions first became a popular practice in the life of the Church during the celebration of Corpus Christi, traditionally celebrated on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday. The idea for this solemnity is attributed to St. Juliana, who lived in the 13th century. As Pope emeritus Benedict XVI eloquently noted in a homily in 2007, "It was born for the very precise purpose of openly reaffirming the faith of the people of God in Jesus Christ, alive and truly present in the most holy sacrament of the Eucharist. It is a feast that was established in order to publicly adore, praise and thank the Lord, who continues 'to love us to the end,' even to offering us his body and his blood." Though directly connected to the liturgical feast of Corpus Christi, Eucharistic processions may take place at other appropriate times and places under the authority of the bishop and following liturgical norms.

In several countries around the world, Eucharistic processions incorporate the country's rich cultural traditions. In Poland, for example, large crowds of people process in traditional Polish outfits with ornate decorations. For a Eucharistic procession in Brazil, the streets are lined with colors, drums and colorful costumes.

By processing with the Holy Eucharist in a reverent, prayerful and joyful manner, Catholics can honor Christ in the Eucharist and serve as witnesses to the intimate presence of God in the world and in each individual. Processions powerfully display the Incarnation, or God becoming human, and thus speak of his merciful love for all who journey to eternal life with him.

Our Eucharistic procession will take place June 6 at 2 pm. We will process from St. Joseph to Immaculate Heart of Mary. Please join us for this wonderful opportunity to adore our Lord and bring Him into the streets of Hays.

To the faithful in the Diocese of Salina,



1. On March 17, 2020, I issued a dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation because of the uncertainty caused by Covid-19.(1) On Pentecost weekend, May 22-23, this dispensation will be lifted, unless people have valid reasons.(2) The Covid-19 pandemic has been a reality that we have dealt with for over a year. Thankfully,

we are now getting back to what we all consider a more normal way of life.

- 2. The reason I am writing to you is because I love and care for each of you. I deeply want what is best for you. All of us are created to love and to be loved. No one loves you more than Jesus. No one cares for you more than Jesus. What is love? Love is when we want the absolute best for another other. Jesus wants what is best for us. He created us, He knows us and desires each person to be with Him for all eternity—and that is what I want for you, too!
- 3. The pandemic has been with us for long enough to influence our lifestyles, particularly staying home from Mass. While technology is a wonderful tool, it can never substitute for the reality of attending Mass in person. It is important we are clear about this distinction. The Letter to the Hebrews (10:24-25) reminds us, "... let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching." Not to meet togethis a direct reference to the Christian practice of attending Mass on Sunday. We are called to come together in the flesh and actively participate in the Eucharistic meal passively observing a television is not a substitute for reality.
- 4. It is part of the very nature of our faith that we have a personal and in-person encounter with Christ through His Church. As stated in the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy Sacrosanctum Conciliu, "the liturgy, 'through which the work of our redemption is accomplished,' most of all in the divine sacrifice of the Eucharist, is the outstanding means whereby the faithful may express in their lives, and manifest to others, the mystery of Christ and the real nature of the true Church." Further, Code of Canon Law, c. 1247 states that, "On Sundays and other holy days of obligation the faithful are bound to participate in the Mass."
- 5. Some may express frustration about the obligation of attending Mass, claiming, "The Church is all about the rules." I admit I did not always like this rule either. Growing up as a child, my father made it very clear that living in his house meant going to Mass on Sundays. Now, looking back I can see that my dad enforced that
- 1. I want to apologize to any of you that were hurt by the decision to close Masses to the public for the six weeks that we did.
- 2. Valid reasons include being ill or elderly. Additionally, those who are unable to attend Mass because of extenuating circumstances, such as traveling or work, must seek individual dispensation from their pastor.

- rule because he loved me. Jesus said, "Remain in my love." My father did not want me to be separated from God by making the wrong choice.
- 6. Jesus said that we will remain in His love if we keep His commandments (John 15:10). God gave the Ten Commandments to us because He loves us and cares for us. He knows what is best for us! The First Commandment is to love God with our whole being and the Third Commandment is to keep holy the Sabbath (which for us is Sunday). These are God's commandments. When we do not follow God's ways, our priorities are not in order. We also know that rules without a relationship often lead to rebellion in most situations. Jesus desires to be in a relationship with us. Hopefully, we desire to have a relationship with Him. Attending Mass is being in relationship with Him and His love for us. When we go to Mass in person, we choose Jesus!

Who Are We?

- 7. Several years ago, I read an article that involved a former player of one of the most successful football coaches ever. On the first day of practice, the coach asked the team three questions: Who are we? Where are we going? How are we going to get there? In other words, what is our identity, what is our goal, and what are the strategies to get us there. This led not only to success on the field, but also success in other walks of life.
- 8. In the spiritual life, we can ask those same questions. Who are we? Our deepest identity is that you and I are beloved children of God our Father. Where do we want to go? Hopefully, all of us would respond, "heaven." If not, then we really do not know who we are. How do we get to heaven? By following Jesus, who is the way, the truth and the life. It is all about remaining with Jesus, who loves us more than anyone. It is not whether we live or die, but rather if we belong to Jesus or not.
- 9. If we are missing Sunday Mass because we do not feel it is important, or we simply put other things before God, we are likely on the wrong path. We have forgotten who we are, and this only leads to our unhappiness. St. Paul reminds us that the three things that last are faith, hope and love—not our belongings, our finances or our successes—but our faithfulness to God (1st Corinthians 13).
- 10. Once there was a man who ran a business. The man was frustrated with not being able to keep up his success. He realized then that he needed to focus on the one necessary thing in his life each day. Once he did this, he became very successful. The same thing is true with our spiritual life. We need to focus on the one thing necessary: becoming a disciple of the Lord. In Christ we find true fulfillment, and this is what our heart longs for, "Like a parched land my soul thirsts for you" (Psalm 143:6).
- 11. Attending Sunday Mass is the most important thing we do all week. There are many important events in life, but nothing is as important as participating in Sunday Mass. Coming to Mass is participating in the greatest, most passionate love story that has ever existed: celebrating the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, who comes on a rescue mission to save humanity from hell.

Back to the Beginning

12. We all know the story of Adam and Eve. They walk with God. All is well. All is beautiful. But then Satan, the devil, tempts Adam and Eve to rebel against God throwing aside their trust in Him. Who is Satan? Jesus called him a liar, the Great Accuser. Satan was originally created good by God, but then he told God, "I will not serve. I will not obey." Satan wants us to tell God the same thing. Satan wants to dislodge our loyalty to God - to disobey His commandments and cast aside our trust in His eternal love.

13. In the Garden of Eden were the Tree of Life and the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. Jesus gave Adam and Eve one command; they could not eat from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. But they decided to disobey God and eat from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. This led to sin, which led to death. In the death and resurrection of Jesus, God restored the world. God did not want to lose us, and He loves us despite our sin.

Not only this, but He is also inviting us to eat from the fruit of the Tree of Life once again: the Eucharist! Jesus is the new fruit of the Tree of Life! We see that God is a God of continuous second chances. He never gives up on us. He is always seeking us, no matter how far we have strayed from Him.

14. As we move through the Scriptures, we see how God desired to free His chosen people the Israelites from sin and slavery and lead them to the promised land. God did this by asking His people to take an unblemished lamb, put the blood on the doorposts (those who did so were saved) and then eat the lamb. This event was the founding of Passover. Today, Jesus is our unblemished lamb who takes away the sins of the world and leads us to the promised land, heaven. We partake of His saving act by eating the lamb, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. And in Cana (John 2:1-11), Jesus reveals his miraculous power by turning water into wine.

The wedding guests are astounded that the bridegroom has saved the best wine for last. Again today, Jesus' blood on the cross becomes the "wine" that is the best wine, the wine of everlasting life. At Mass, we participate in the new and everlasting Passover!

We are Invited: Please say yes!

15. In Matthew 22:1-14, Jesus tells the parable of the wedding feast. Many are invited. Sadly, some people completely ignore the invitation. Others are too busy with "important" things, and some simply do not want to come. What a deep sadness this brings the Bridegroom! Every Mass is a wedding banquet in which Jesus our Bridegroom and the faithful - us - unite. God invites you to be there! He desires you to be there! This is a foretaste of heaven. Going to Mass is saying, "I want to go to heaven." Saying no is saying, "I really do not want to be with God in the marriage feast of heaven." It is a deep heartbreak to God when we turn down this personal invitation.

16. But is it really a big deal if we miss Mass? Of course, we can still pray, talk with God wherever we are, but skipping Mass is telling God "no." Perhaps the biggest lie in our world today is

that everyone goes to heaven no matter what.

This is not what Jesus said or what the Church He founded teaches us. Ultimately, whether we spend our eternity in heaven or hell is determined by our relationship with God and the choices we make in our daily lives. Hell is a place where there is separation from God, an agonizing abyss without love. But heaven is a place where there is union with God, who is ablaze with Love.

17. Why would any of us want to be separated from love? Jesus loves you, so how will you respond? He desires so much to be with you - right now - through the Eucharist. I understand that homilies and music can be uninspiring, but at Mass we receive the Eucharist – who is Jesus! We unite with Him and others through His presence. At every Mass, Jesus says, "This is my Body, given for you." If we offer ourselves to Jesus, we too become one flesh with Him in a transforming way. We become 'in communion' with the God of everlasting Love. Will you give your yes to Him?

The Way to Eternal Life

18. We spend a lot of money and effort seeking ways to prolong our lives, but despite our good efforts, each of us will inevitably die. Our mortality rate is 100%. But the good news is that there is a remedy for death - the person of Jesus Christ. His Eucharistic self is the true pathway to eternal life. Jesus Himself tells us, "whoever eats my Body" will live forever (John (6).

- 19. I realize that many Catholics today do not believe in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. I would never have become a priest if the Eucharist were just a piece of bread. But it is the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. Since the beginning, the Church has proclaimed the Eucharist as the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of God. Jesus in the Eucharist is the most precious gift on earth, more precious than all the wealth in the world.
- 20. Receiving Jesus in the Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life because Christ not only gives us grace, He also gives to us. Imagine this for a moment: The God who created the heavens and the earth including every person comes to be one with each one of us! This is a big deal!

The Best Pastures, The Best Food

- 21. Many of the faithful in our diocese are farmers and ranchers who care for cattle. They strive to provide the best quality food for their cattle so they can grow and thrive. When the food in a pasture is exhausted, they move their cattle from one area to the next to provide the best nourishment. One of my favorite images is of Jesus the Good Shepherd. A good shepherd not only lays down his life to protect his sheep just as Jesus did but he also leads his flock to the best pastures where they find the best food.
- 22. Of course, good food is necessary to sustain our bodies and give us energy, but while on earth, our appetites are only temporarily satisfied. It is only a matter of time before we are hungry again. The Eucharist, however, is spiritual food a food which awakens our hope and deepens our capacity for life. It is a foretaste of God's heavenly banquet which gives everlasting food. Jesus leads us to the Eternal Banquet, to unending pastures of good food!

- 23. "The liturgy ... shows forth the Church to those who are outside as a sign lifted up among the nations under which the scattered children of God may be gathered together, until there is one sheepfold and one shepherd." (3)
- 24. Isaiah also reminds us of God's invitation to this heavenly meal: "All you who are thirsty, come to the water! You who have no money, come receive grain and eat. Come without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk! Why spend your money for what is not bread, your wages for what fails to satisfy? Heed me and you shall eat well, you shall delight in rich fare. Come to me heedfully, listen that you may have life" (Isaiah 55:1-6).

Seeking Fulfillment

- 25. We all want to be happy. We do things in our life—eat, exercise, attend social events, etc.—that make us happy. Ultimate happiness, however, comes from a relationship with God. This gives us the peace and joy that all other things cannot give. Aren't we all longing for this?
- 26. I am reminded of the Samaritan woman (John 4), who went to the well for water every day but spiritually remained thirsty. When she encountered Jesus, she left her water jars at the well. Is there something missing in your life? Are you longing for more? Have all the latest gadgets and toys really fulfilled your deepest longing? The only thing that can fill that deepest longing in your life is a person, and His name is Jesus! He desires you and is longing to fill your heart with His love and peace.

Sin and Reconciliation

- 27. We are all sinners in need of God's mercy. I want to emphasize what Bishop Fitzsimmons said in his pastoral letter that he wrote 15 years ago: Missing Mass is a serious sin. Why? Because we are choosing not to be in communion with Jesus. I know some people do not want to hear this. But would you rather have your doctor tell you that you are fine when you have cancer? Or would you rather have him tell you that you are ill and show you the remedy.
- 28. The remedy for sin and death is the Sacraments, specifically the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Sacrament of the Eucharist. A year or so after becoming a priest, I went to McDonald's for lunch. While I was standing in line wondering what I was going to order, a man came up to me. He was a truckdriver. He asked if I could hear his confession. It had been more than 40 years. I listened to his confession and His sins were forgiven before the Lord.
- 29. Some people have asked, "Do I need to go to confession before returning to Mass?" The quick answer is "Yes" and "No." The Catechism of the Catholic Churexplains, "Anyone who is aware of having committed a mortal sin must not receive Holy Communion, even if he experiences deep contrition, without having first received sacramental absolution, unless he has a

grave reason for receiving Communion and there is no possibility of going to confession" (CCC 1457). Basically, if you are aware of a mortal sin on your soul after examining your conscience and have the opportunity to confess your sins to a priest, then it is your duty to seek sacramental absolution. Please remember that God never tires of forgiving us and that His desire to forgive you is greater than your desire to be forgiven.

30. If you have been away from the Sacrament of Reconciliation, if you have missed Mass deliberately in the past, I urge you to please go to confession before receiving Holy Communion. This mortal sin (4) "results in the loss of charity and the privation of sanctifying grace, that is, of the state of grace. If it is not redeemed by repentance and God's forgiveness, it causes exclusion from Christ's kingdom and the eternal death of hell, for our freedom has the power to make choices for ever, with no turning back" (CCC 1861).

Holy Days: Missing Mass Is A Big Deal

- 31. I also want to mention that there are holy days of obligation throughout the year. One could say these are like attending family anniversaries and birthdays at different times. They are special days. Holy days of obligation are:
- ◆ Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God—January 1
- Feast of the Ascension: 40 days after Easter, typically celebrated on the closest Sunday.
- ♦ Assumption of Mary into Heaven: August 15
- ♦ All Saints Day: November 1
- Birth of Jesus: December 25

These are special days in the Church when we celebrate important events in the life of Jesus, His Mother Mary and the saints. I encourage you to see these days as a way of celebrating special events in the lives of those whom we love—and who love us!!!

How to Dress for Mass

- 32. I also want to discuss appropriate "dress" at Mass. Firstly, Jesus accepts you as you are, but at the same time, if you are attending a wedding banquet, you would likely try to wear something nice. How would you dress if someone famous came to your house? God, the King of the Universe, is the most important person ever to exist, and He comes to us at every Mass.
- 33. Secondly, it is important to strive for modesty in the way we dress. Our bodies are gifts from God and are temples of the Holy Spirit. I understand that fashion trends change with the times, but it is important to honor the sacredness of our physical bodies and dress in a way that respects this truth.

^{3.} I Sacrosanctum Concilium 2: SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL, constitution on the Sacred Liturgy Sacrosanctum Concilium, 4 December 1963, in AAS, 56 (1964), pp. 97-134, English translation onwww.vatican.va/archive/hist_councilsii_vatican_council/documents/vatii_const_19631204_sacrosanctum-concilium_en.html

⁴⁾ For a sin to be mortal, one has to know it is a serious sin, have full knowledge and still choose it.

Persevering in the Faith

34. St. John Vianney, the patron saint of priests, used to beg his people to keep the faith and not miss Mass because he feared they would separate themselves from God for all eternity. I want each one of you to go to heaven. I beg you, please keep the faith by saying "yes" to God and attending Mass each Sunday and the holy days of obligation. As St. John Vianney said, "If people knew how important Mass is, they would die with joy."

35. Jesus Himself said that those who persevere in the faith will be saved. Attending Mass is persevering in the faith. We also have countless saints who remind us of Christ's words. St. Teresa of Calcutta tells us, "God doesn't ask us to be successful, but faithful." The courageous martyr St. Joan of Arc said, "One life is all we have, and we live it as we believe in living it, and then it's gone. But to surrender what you are and live without belief - that's more terrible than dying - more terrible than dying young." One life is all we have. Will we live for God? Will we say yes to His love for us?



Those Fallen Away

36. We all know people who have left the Catholic faith—our children, grandchildren or siblings. When I was a pastor in Michigan, the diocese encouraged us to pray the following prayer for the return of those who have left the faith.

Prayer for the Return of Non-Practicing Catholics

O Good Shepherd, you never cease to seek out the lost, to call home the stray, to comfort the frightened and to build up the wounded. I ask you to bring them back to the practice of the faith and to remove all obstacles that prevent them from receiving your abundant mercy, which flows sacramentally through the heart of your holy Church. Through the intercession of Mary, The Mother of God, St. Joseph, their Guardian Angels, their patron saints and the ever prayerful St. Monica, may you pardon their sins and unshackle them from whatever hinders their freedom to come home. For you, O Good Shepherd, have loved us to the end and offered yourself to the Father for the salvation of all. Amen!

Prayer works wonders, and I witnessed many people returning after being away for a long time. I invite you to pray this prayer for your loved ones and those away from God.

As your bishop and shepherd of the Diocese of Salina, I care for you deeply and desire no one to be lost. Perhaps there are some who have not been faithful to God. Jesus misses you! Please go to confession, begin again and come back to Mass. It will be the best decision you have ever made. For those faithful to the Mass obligations, thank you. I pray for your continued courage and faithfulness. May each one of us strive every day to choose God and surrender ourselves to His merciful love!

God bless you, your families and everyone in our Diocese of Salina!

In Christ's service,

Most Reverend Gerald L. Vincke Bishop of Salina

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Praise the Holy Trinity

Some truths, like the very existence of God, can be known by human reason alone. Other truths, like the fact that God is One in Three Persons – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – can only be known if God reveals them to us. We could never conclude on our own that God is a Trinity. Today's Feast is not only an opportunity for thanking God for telling us more about himself. It is an occasion to take courage as we strive for deeper unity within the human family. God reveals himself to us in order to make us more like himself – not just as individuals, but as families, nations, and an international community. We grow in unity as we give ourselves away to one another, just as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit give themselves to each other completely.



St. Joseph Food Pantry

Items Needed:Proteins & TunaOpen Pantry Dates:June 5 & 19.Pantry Times:9:00am - Noon

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We will follow social distancing and mask guidelines as directed by our city.

Patrons are asked to park their cars and enter through the usual doors near the gym, however,
PLEASE DO NOT get out of your vehicle before the doors open at 9:00am in order to follow guidelines. Patrons will be directed into the cafeteria where you will remain in a group with the people you came with in the vehicle.

When all spaces are filled you may be asked to wait outside until someone else leaves.

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A LOOK AT THE WEEK....

- ♦ Sun. May 30 9am Mass, 5pm Confession, 6pm Mass
- ♦ Mon. May 31 NO MASS or CONFRDDION TODAY
- ◆ Tues. June 1 5:00pm Confessions/5:45pm Mass
- ♦ Wed. June 2 5:00pm Confessions/5:45pm Mass
- ♦ Thurs. June 3 5:00pm Confessions/5:45pm Mass
- ♦ Fri. June 4 12:10pm Mass

First Sunday of each month....

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Please join us next month, May June 6th after Mass.



SUNDAY, JUNE 6TH AT 2:00PM

HEARTLAND PARISHES CORPUS CHRISTI **EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION**





2:00PM

From St. Joseph Church to Immaculate Heart of Mary

We will begin with Exposition of the 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!







HEARTLAND NEWS

The PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

1805 Vine - IHM Church

The Adoration Chapel is open 24 hours a day 7 days a week and Jesus is waiting for you. Following are the times available and names, time responsible and phone numbers of the Archangels.



Time slots available:

Sunday - 10:00am

Saturday - 9:00am Saturday - 1:00pm Saturday - 5:00pm



Archangels: **Bob & Carol Feauto**, 628-1429, (12am-6am) **Lorraine Brungardt**, 625-3021: (6am-12pm) Yvonne Demuth, 628-2172, (12pm - 6pm) Geri Rupp, 639-5588, (6pm - 12am)

Did vou know vou can offer vour holy hour for a priest or seminarian in the Salina Diocese? See the prayer cards in the box on the table in the Adoration Chapel and let these individuals know you are supporting their work and praying for them. It means so much to each of them. Thank you. Vocatio of the **Heartland Parishes**

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!

Daughters of Isabella will meet June 8 for their monthly meeting. The meeting will be held at The Heritage Eatery and Bingo, 114 East 12th, Hays. The meeting will begin at 5:30 PM with a complimentary meal. Following the meal, we will honor our 25 and 50 year members and our Daughter of the Year. Reservations need to be made to Janet Koerner 785-623-3407 or Sandy Herrman 785-656-0095 before June 1.



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