

St. Joseph Catholic Church

215 West 13th - Hays, Ks. 67601

Comeau Catholic Campus Center

506 W. 6th - Hays, Ks. 67601



Seventh Sunday Ordinary Time February 24, 2019

Most Reverend Gerald L. Vincke, Bishop of Salina

Fr. Fred Gatschet, Pastor Fr. Tony Kulandaijesu, Associate Pastor

St. Joseph

Saturday - 5:00pm Sunday - 7:30am & 10:30am Monday - Friday: 6:30am Confession - Sat. 3:30pm - 4:30pm Holy Days Mass - 5:30pm (Vigil) 6:30am. 12:05pm, 5:30pm Rosary - Generally before each Mass.

Comeau Campus Center Sunday - 9:00am & 6:00pm

Monday - Thursday 5:45pm (When FHSU is in session) Confession - Monday - Thursday, 5:00pm (When FHSU is in session) Sunday, 5:00-5:30pm (All Year)

Adoration - Begins after Mass, Tues, 5:45 ends Wed. with Benediction before the 5:45pm Mass.

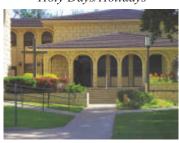
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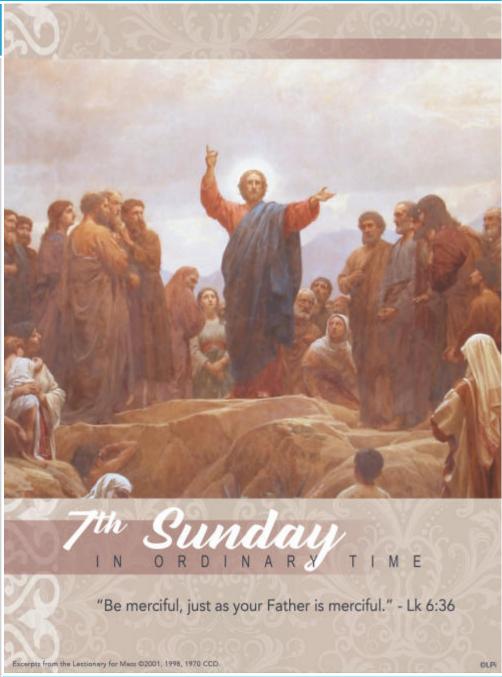
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Mon.- Thurs. 8:00am - 5:00pm Fri. 8:00 a.m. - noon Office Closed Saturday, Sunday, Holy Days/Holidays





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."



Sunday, February 24, 2019 - 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time 1Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

7:30 a.m. +Jeannie (Giebler) Rupp (Ann.)

9:00 a.m. C For the Forgotten Poor Souls in Purgatory

10:30 a.m. +Lester Witthuhn

Liturgy for Little Ones

6:00 p.m. C For the Forgotten Poor Souls in Purgatory

Monday, February 25, 2019

Sir 1:1-10/Mk 9:14-29

6:30 a.m. +Shane Gottschalk 5:45 p.m. C +Mary Ann Gabel

Tuesday, February 26, 2019

Sir 2:1-11/Mk 9:30-37

6:30 a.m. Forgotten Souls in Purgatory 5:45 p.m. C L/D Mem Ramona Herman Family

Wednesday, February 27, 2019

Sir 4:11-19/Mk 9:38-40

6:30 a.m. Serafina & Mario Borra

5:45 p.m. C L/D Mem Tom & Deb Denning Family

Thursday, February 28, 2019

Sir 5:1-8/Mk 9:41-50

6:30 a.m. L/D Mem Joyce Dinges Family 5:45 p.m. C +Charles Pfannenstiel (Ann.)

Friday, March 1, 2019

Sir 6:5-17/Mk 10:1-12

6:30 a.m. +David Hertel

Saturday, March 2, 2019

Sir 17:1-15/Mk 10:13-16

3:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:00 p.m. Confirmation Class of 2019

Marvin & Dorothy Dreiling 65th Wed. Ann.

Sunday, March 3, 2019 - 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sir 27:4-7/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

7:30 a.m. +Mary Ann Gabel

9:00 a.m. C Forgotten Souls in Purgatory

10:30 a.m. For the Parish

Liturgy for Little Ones

6:00 p.m. C Forgotten Souls in Purgatory

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULES have been completed and emailed. If you need a hard copy, please stop by the parish office to pick one up.

If you need to download a copy of the schedule use this link below:

https://www.stj-church.com/ministry-schedules

+ + WEEKEND H H MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	5:00 p.m. Mass	7:30 a.m. Mass	10:30 a.m.		
	Sat. Mar. 2, 2019	Sun. Mar. 3, 2019	Sun. Mar. 3, 2019		
Sacristan	Sherry Feltis	Doug Marsell	Alexis Campbell		
Altar Server	Trenton Rome Abby Hugunin Creighton Newell Haleigh Spray	Ryan Richmeier Sub Needed Sub Needed	Adam Campbell Riley Frank Blaise Staab Richard Whitmer		
Readers	Laura Allen John Haas	Terry Leiker Tucker Mall	Allison Campbell Ben Pfannenstiel		
EM	Michelle Beyer Jim Girvan Becky Newell Paula Gnad Ann Hugunin Laura Allen Sub Needed Sub Needed	Donna Augustine Kevin Augustine Patricia Gottschalk Jill Mall Angie Sack Jim Mall	Andy Mattison Joyce Mattison Rich Ruder Sharon Ruder Vicky Walker Shirley Dinkel (no choir)		
НВЕМ		Alan Leiker	Andy Mattison Vicky Walker		
Cantor	Jackie M. / Choir	SUB NEEDED	Hannah Michaud		
Greeter	Chris/Kathleen Brungardt	Matt & Tami Zimmerman	Kim Campbell Family		
Usher	Ralph Wellbrock Cletus Knipp Mark Herl Joe Billinger	Leon Richmeier Nick Flax Steve Dreiling Zach Stadelman Wilbert Pfeifer Doug Ptacek Leon Wolf Jon/Faith Schmeidle			
Gifts	Shane & Mona Dreiling	Usher Choice Rich & Joanne Yost			

Sunday, the Day of the Lord

Sunday is the original festival, the weekly celebration of Christ's holy resurrection. Sunday is the day of the Eucharist, the day of the Church's joy, the day of beginning again in the grace of Him who says, "Behold, I make all things new" (Rev 21:5). The festivity of Sunday worship overflows into all of life. There is delight in the details: freshly polished shoes, "Sunday best" clothes, flowers and wine for the Sunday dinner table.

Allowing Sunday Mass to become one thing among others on a weekend checklist leads to a loss of "Eucharistic amazement." Holy Mass is Sunday's central event. All other things are arranged around it. The absolute priority given to Sunday Mass is an irreplaceable witness to the Kingdom God.

The beauty of Sunday Mass is an offering to God and a healing for the soul. The singing of priest, deacon, cantor, and people, the use of incense and lights, the sacred movement of bodies in worship, vesture in the appointed liturgical colors, the clear sound of the bell, the flowers that delight the eye and perfume the air — all these good things proclaim the splendor of the Mystery of Faith, each in its own way.

In addition to Sunday Mass, following an impetus given by the Second Vatican Council, there are cathedrals and parish churches around the world where the faithful return for Vespers, the Church's solemn evening liturgy. The celebration of Vespers is often followed by a time of Eucharistic adoration. Having entered into Christ's sacrifice in the morning, the Church returns at sunset to contemplate the glory of his Face, praying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent" (Lk 24:29).

Pastor's Notes

"Loving Our Enemies"

Fr. Fred Gatschet

Certainly one of the unique teachings of Jesus was His requirement that His followers would love their enemies. In our Gospel reading today, Our Lord couches this teaching in a number of rhetorical questions:

For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do the same. If you lend money to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, and get back the same amount."

Then He hits us with His direct exhortation:

But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend expecting nothing back; then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

The act of loving our enemies sounds like it simply goes against our nature. But there is an ancient Japanese parable that perhaps sheds some light on the matter. In the days of the Shogun Warriors there was a warrior king who had had enough of a neighboring kingdom. He sent one of his warriors with other soldiers with strict orders to destroy all of his enemies. After some days the warrior king went to the neighboring territory to see how his orders had been carried out. While expecting to come upon the main city seeing it in smoldering ruins, he was aghast to find flags and banners flying and the whole town in the middle of a great celebration. He found his chief warrior laughing and feasting with king whom he so desperately wanted to see dead. Enraged, he bellowed to his chief warrior, "Why did you not follow my orders???!!" The warrior responded, "My lord, I followed your orders exactly. You told me to get rid of your enemies. I did. They are now our friends."

The Book of Proverbs 25:21-22 advises us:

If your enemy is hungry, give him food to eat; if he is thirsty, give him water to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head, and the LORD will reward you.

St. Paul cites this teaching in Romans 12:17-21:

Do not repay anyone evil for evil.

Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I

will repay," says the Lord. On the contrary:
"If your enemy is hungry, feed him;
if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.
In doing this, you will heap burning coals
on his head."

Do not be overcome by evil,
but overcome evil with good.

In short, the purpose for loving our enemies is to turn them into our friends so that we can all one day be reunited around God's table in heaven as His family. It is not easy, but God's grace makes it possible by helping us to see the bigger picture.



QUESTION: I noticed in Mass one day that people do different things. Some change responses, some genuflect before Communion, and one lady went to kneel in front of the tabernacle. Are these part of the new changes that are coming?

ANSWER: People have good intentions, and try to do what they feel is best as they worship God. When things are too "liberal" or too "conservative," depending on their personal preferences, people will try different things. And so, you get all kinds of bowing, genuflecting, changing of responses, elimination of masculine pronouns, etc. I have actually seen people fall because the person in front of them suddenly genuflects before Communion, which is not part of our tradition. The bishops continue to address these issues, requiring some uniformity, while leaving room for appropriate individual expression.

In the meantime, it is important to remember that we gather as a community to celebrate the Eucharist. We are the body of Christ, united in mind, heart and spirit as we worship God. When people do things that are distracting, or different than the rest of the community, it introduces a foreign element and breaks the unity of the assembled church. Strictly speaking, that is a definition of sin: a rupture in our relationship with God and one another. Not that these things are sinful, but the higher value is the community at worship-the "common unity" rather than political or religious statements of individuals. Good intentions do not replace good liturgy!

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ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEWS

LENTEN YARD CROSSES - Knights of Columbus throughout the area are sponsoring a project to provide and install a cross in the yard of people that would like to have one during the Lenten season. The Knights of Columbus will construct, install and remove the cross for you. The cost to participate in this event is \$20. Knights of Columbus will install the crosses on the Saturday morning following Ash Wednesday morning (March 9th). The Knights will remove the crosses on Saturday morning, April 27, the first Saturday following Easter Sunday. If you choose, you may decorate the cross with a ribbon or cloth, but nothing permanent. If you are interested, see Mark Herl after any of the weekend Masses to sign up or call, (785) 623-9579.

PALMS - During the next few weeks, look for baskets around the church to place your old palms in, or you may bring them to the parish offices.

LENTEN MEATLESS SOUP SUPPERS - February is going to fly by sooner then you know it and Lent will be here, and so will be our annual Lenten Meatless Soup Suppers. Starting on Friday, March 8th at 5:00 p.m., we would like people to bring their meatless soups. We also suggest that you attach your soup recipe to the pot and or have little soup recipe cards available for people to take. Fr. Fred and the CYO youth will also provide the bread again this year. Stations of the Cross will follow at 6:30p.m. in the church. So, mark your calendars for good soup and a good Lenten devotion. Hope to see you all there!!!

STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE

Budgeted envelopes/offertory per week \$22,630.00

Actual envelopes/offertory received **02/11/19 - 02/17/19**

Budgeted envelopes/offertory year to date: \$746,790.00

\$19,680.58

Actual envelopes/offertory year to date: \$691,337.01

As of **02/17/2019** we are ahead (behind) budget YTD (\$55,452.99)

Collection Team Schedule

February 24 - Irvin & Terry Leiker March 3 - Sharon Drees & Debbie Dinges March 10 - Jim & Jan Girvan

ST. JOSEPH'S WEEK IN A GLANCE: Feb. 24 - March 2, 2019

C = Catholic Campus Center; KB=Kennedy Building; PO = Parish Office; SJ=St. Joe Church

	MON 2	TUES 2	26	WED 27	THURS 28	FRI	1	SAT	2	
7:30am Mass - SJ 9:00am Mass - CCC	<u>6:30am</u> Mass - SJ	<u>6:30am</u> Mass - SJ		6:30am Mass - SJ	6:30am Mass - SJ 12:00 Noon	<u>6:30am</u> Mass - SJ		9:00am - Noon Food Pantry - KB		Î
10:30am Mass - SJ Liturgy for Little Ones 6:00pm Mass - CCC		<u>5:45pm</u> Mass - C		5:45pm Mass - C 6:45pm RE Class - KB 7:30pm Choir Practice - SJ	Basic Bible Class - KB 5:45pm Mass - C 5:45pm Mass - C 8:00pm Basic Bible Class - C	6:00pm Confirmation Practice		3:30pm Confession - SJ 5:00pm Mass - SJ Confirmation		

Sacraments and other Parish Information

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MARRIAGE

The first appointment must be made six (6) months before the proposed date of marriage. Couples expecting a traditional Catholic wedding are expected to be living a traditional Catholic lifestyle. Please contact the St. Joseph Parish Office.

BAPTISM

Please contact the St. Joseph Parish Office at 785-625-7356 to schedule a baptism. All first time parents need to take a baptism class before a date of baptism can be set.

FUNERAL

Please contact the parish office.

HOSPITAL VISITS

If you have a loved one in the hospital please be sure to contact the St. Joseph Parish Office. Hospitals no longer notify the parish if one of our parishioners are in the hospital because of HIPAA laws.

HOMEBOUND VISITS

If you are homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist, or if you are on the weekend schedule and will not need it for some reason, please call the parish office at 785-625-7356.

STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL FORMS (SRF)

Stewardship Renewal Forms are sent out at the end of January each year with the tithing information. Parishioners are asked to look over these forms for any additions or corrections and send back to the parish office. These forms are used to help keep our records up to date.

VOTIVE CANDLE STAND

Cost for the candles are \$5.00 for the large candles and \$1.00 for the small candles. Large 8-day candles may also be purchased in the parish office for home use.

SACRAMENTAL RECORDS

If you are needing Sacramental records for St. Joseph Church please contact the parish office.

PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS

Please call the parish office at 785-625-7356 or send an email to: stjoseph@stjoehays.com. Please state how you would like your intention forwarded to the prayer chain.

ST JOSEPH FOOD PANTRY

LOCATION TO PLACE YOUR FOOD ITEMS - Nonperishable food items as well as medium sized boxes may be brought to the parish school building, formerly Kennedy, doors 25 & 26, near the gym, from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

- Food Pantry dates are March 2nd & 16th
- Item of the month MEATS, canned, all varieties are welcome!
- Medium size boxes are also needed.
- Monetary donations can be sent through the weekend collection, left at the Parish Service Center or you may donate on line by going to https://stjchurch.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunitiesSt.JosephFoodPantry
- ◆ To volunteer to help at the St. Joseph Food Pantry contact Renee Michaud at 785-628-8434 or michauds@ruraltel.net

St. Joseph Sacred Heart Room



St. Joseph parish office provides a place to bring in all those religious items that you no longer need or want.

Perhaps those items that belonged to your parents that you no longer know what to do with. These items, statues, rosaries, religious reading, candles, scapulars, CD's, etc, are placed in this room to share with others. Those

items such as palms and broken items are disposed of in a respectful manner. You may also bring in your old palms!



PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

Are you interested in becoming a D of I member? Please contact Judy Flax at 785-628-6577 for more information. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month.

- ◆ The D of I will be hosting a food/ crafts bingo on Sunday, March 10, 1:30 p.m. at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Activity Center. All are welcome to join us for an afternoon of fun and entertainment. Members are asked to drop off their items anytime after noon on that day.
- ◆ Daughters of Isabella members are reminded to please pay your 2019 if you haven't already done so. Please send your \$25 due to Peggy Feltis, 2912 hillcrest Dr., Hays.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

St. Joseph Knights of Columbus, Council #1325 meets every FIRST Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the St. Joseph Parish school building, room 110 (the old art room). Enter through south door, on the west side, marked #2.

KNOTS OF LOVE

This ministry meets the last Sunday of the month at 3:00 p.m. at the Via Christi Chapel.

ORDER OF SECULAR FRANCISCANS

This group follows in the footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi and meets every third Sunday at the Comeau Campus Center at 1:30 p.m. For more information about the meetings or about the Order please contact Brenda Lager at 785-628-3107.Regional Franciscan Website: www.sfojuandepadilla.org.

PARISH CHOIR

The St. Joseph Parish Choir practices each Wednesday evening from 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Director, Carol Brull, 785-625-9707.

<u>WOMEN OF ST JOSEPH</u> SCRIPTURE STUDY GROUP

We meet Saturday mornings at 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. at South McDonalds. Women are invited to just drop in or come join us weekly.

St. Joseph's FOOD PANTRY



This offers a most sincere Thank You to those who have so quietly & generously given food items, time in service on pantry days, monetary donations, box donations, and prayerful support of this Service Project.

On behalf of those who are in need, may God richly bless you for reaching out to others in His name.

Statistics	2018	
Boxes Distributed	4,014	
People Served	6,721	
Adult Volunteers	93	
Student Volunteers	97	
of different families utilizing the p		555
Average Number of visits/ per year/ Boxes shared with First Call for Hel		5.0
Boxes shared with Catholic Charitie		351

This Service Project has joined together the **students'** energy & desire to make a difference with the guidance and mentoring of **adult volunteers** and the generosity & support of our **parish and community**.

By working together, this project makes a stand for social justice in our community, meeting the needs of those among us.



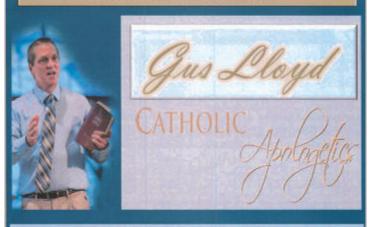
Ultimately, the success of this project is that we are being of service... being Christ to one another... putting our love into action!

On February 11th, St. Joseph Pastoral Council renewed its commitment to this project for 2019.

Heartland Parishes Mission

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish 1805 Vine Street Hays, Kansas February 24th, 25th and 26th

Join Us As We Welcome



The mission will be hosted by national radio host, author, and speaker, Gus Lloyd, host of Seize the Day on Sirius XM's The Catholic Channel.

The theme of the mission is Loving, Learning, and Living Your Faith.

Each evening begins at 7pm. don't miss this opportunity to grow in your faith. Be sure to invite your family and friends!

Please join us February 24th 25th & 26th In Hays!!



Coming up... March 1st-3rd | PHASE 1 WEEKEND | Salina, KS

Webster Conference Center | 2601 N. Ohio St., Salina, KS 67401

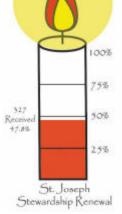
Register: https://www.markedmenforchrist.org/signup/?eventid=1388

For more info contact: Michael 'Bear' Abare | kcbear@markedmenforchrist.org

STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL FORMS

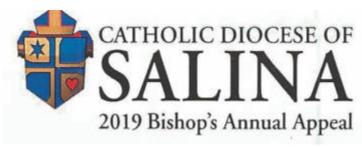
St. Joseph registered parishioners should have received their Stewardship Renewal Forms (SRF) along with their Tithing information in January. Please look over these forms for any additions, changes, or corrections. If you are continuing your ministry/ministries, you need to check the box next to your current ministries. If you no longer want to continue, leave the box empty.

We have noticed that many of the Stewardship forms did not have all of current ministries listed on the family form. If this is the case with you, please write in the number of the ministry that you want to continue with, or add a new one or check the box of those listed on the



one, or check the box of those listed on the sheet.

As of February 19, out of the 684 stewardship renewal forms that were sent out in January, $\underline{327}$ have been returned, which is $\underline{47.8\%}$ of the parish.



ALLOCATION OF GIFTS

◆ SEMINARIANS: \$363,000.00

Supports the education and religious formation of men preparing for the priesthood. Currently 12 seminarians are in varying stages of formation fro our diocese. Gifts help with academic study, then pastoral service during the summer months.

◆ CLERGY (Health/Retirement):\$325,000.00

Provides full retirement benefits and healthcare to 17 retired diocesan priests. Supplements healthcare for 51 active priests of the diocese.

♦ EDUCATION: \$203,000.00

Supports the operation and provides financial aid to students in 15 Catholic schools. Assists with other education activities of the diocese including:

- Youth Ministry
- Religious Education for over 6800 youth
- Adult Education
- Deacon Program

More to come in our next Sunday's bulletin.

The parish goal set by the diocese is \$44,300.00

WHO IS IN THAT WINDOW AT ST. JOSEPHS

Fr. Gilmary Tallman - Photographs by Leon Staab

Over the past few months we had a number people ask to have the articles written by Fr. Gilmary on the windows in the church. These articles were written in 2007 while the windows were all going through a restoration.

Today we continue with the window of Sacred Heart of Jesus and Mary, but take a look at the upper rose window.

On the rose window above both figures is one single crown. I am guessing that the artist put that there because, being a good theologian, he did not want Christ to be without a crown along side of Mary, who is wearing one. But the Sacred Heart is never crowned. So Jesus' crown is up above in the rose window.

Visitors to the church are always struck by this window. They like the deep colors, the red and blue, which stand out. And people have pointed this out. At night, when most of the lights of the church are not on, that window is especially beautiful because a street light shine directly in, picking up these colors.

Next week we will talk about the Divine Providence window.





GOSPEL REFLECTION

This Sunday, Jesus continues his challenging Sermon on the Mount. "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you? Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back." Words like these are challenging! Many of us have grown up in a culture of independence and retaliation against those who harm us. Today's Gospel reminds us that the way of the world is not necessarily the way of the disciple.

In many spiritual texts, saints describe the first stage of the spiritual life as mercenary love of God. That is, we love Him because he "pays" us with graces and good things. Consider for a moment, why do you do the good that you do? Take volunteering, for example. How often do we talk about the good feelings service evokes and how you "get so much more than you give." This is still based on an attitude of return on our investment. Would we volunteer if we knew it was good to do, but we didn't "feel" good afterward? What if the people we helped seemed ungrateful, or if someone at the food pantry stole \$20 out of our purse? It can be difficult to love people when we think we might not get anything back. "For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you?"

As Christians, we are called to imitate God. We follow a God who loves not only His closest friends, but who loves betrayers, deniers, and crucifiers. The Christian walk is one of perseverance and sacrifice. What does your love look like?

As you enter St. Joseph sacred space, please...



- Shut off your cell phone.
- Do not bring any food or drinks (bottled water, soda, coffee, etc.) into Mass or to other activities such as weddings, wedding rehearsals, funeral vigils, funerals, etc.
- Observe a prayerful silence before and after Mass out of respect for God's Presence and those who are in prayer.
- Put your gum in the trash, not under the pew.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

I sometimes spend more money than I should. I make decisions based upon my wants and not my needs. Those actions can create a financial difficulty or circumstance where more sacrifice is needed. Instant gratification or selfish impulses can create havoc in one's bank account, marriage, or family. All these issues to deal with simply because I wanted what I wanted and I got it. Yes, it sounds like the actions of a child.

However, I know I am not alone. We all can easily find ourselves acting in this manner. This is why it struck me to listen once again to the words of Jesus when he says, "Do to others as you would have them do to you." The words are reminiscent of another of Jesus' phrases, "Love your neighbor as yourself." The problem is that too often I would like for others to fulfill my wants instead of needs, and I can seemingly love myself by doing what I already mentioned above.

A stewardship way of life means that I wisely steward what I have, and I cannot give what I do not have. Have you ever given someone a present you couldn't afford and think that was love? It wasn't. We don't show love by giving what we do not possess. We show love by meeting another's needs and by sharing our very self with them. At our core, what we long for from others more than anything else is love. Would I have others give me lavish gifts and shower me with empty compliments or would I have them give to me something much more valuable: the love in their hearts? In turn, I need to love myself more by realizing that no purchase will offer fulfillment more than the love of God shown to me in Christ Jesus.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS





St. Joseph Seminarians





Rev. Mr. Michael Leiker (L) and Kade Megaffin (R)

Michael will be ordained in June 1, 2019 Kade is a Pre-Theology I Please Pray For Vocations

ST. JOSEPH **CYO** ACTIVITIES

ST JOSEPH FRIDAY LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

(with Fr Fred's homemade bread!) from March 8-April 12th...Please sign up if you haven't already for bread making and/ or serving during dinners! Sign-up info is available from Jennifer Johnson (ph.259-4458 or jmjohnson@ruraltel.net). It's such a great meat-free meal and wonderful opportunity to see and serve our church family!

These are also our main fundraisers for NCYC/Natl Catholic Youth Convention next fall. Thank you and look forward to seeing you there!

HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Principal - Rachel Wentling, rwentling@hfehays.org 785-625-3131 ~ www.hfe.org

Feb.	25	Advisory Council Mtg. 5:15pm in Library
Feb.	27	Papa Murphy's Fundraising Day
Mar.	1	1st Friday Prayer Circles, 8:05am
Mar.	2	Joyful Noise National Anthem, 2:00pm FHSU
Mar.	4	Home & School Mtg. 7:00pm in A.C.
Mar.	5	Pancake Races on blacktop, 2:30pm
Mar.	6	Ash Wednesday, HFE School Mass 8:00am
		All Staff Mtg. 3:40pm in Library

We are finalizing pre-enrollment and currently have openings for the 2019-2020 school year in grades Preschool, 2nd and 5th grade. Prospective preschool students must turn 4 by September 1st to attend. If you are interested in one of these spots for your child, please contact the office at 785-625-3131! Thank you!

ST. JOSEPH FAITH INFORMATION CALENDAR

Feb. 27	Class	Becky Newell, DRE, 913-638-2960 or stjdreks@gmail.com				
March 6	No Class - Ash Wednesday	First Reconciliation & Communion Schedule				
March 13	No Class - Spring Break	Mar.	St. Joseph Parish First Communion Retreat 1-			
March	Class	<u> </u>	2:30pm			
March 27	Class	May 1	First Communion Practice St. Joseph church 6:30 p.m.			
April 3	Class	May 5	First Communion Mass St. Joseph Church - 10:30 a.m.			
April 10	Last Class of the Year!	Confirmation Schedul				
April 17	NO CLASS Holy Week	Mar. 1	Confirmation Practice - 6:00pm			
April 24	End-of Year Family Picnic	Mar. 2	Confirmation Mass - 5:00pm			

THOMAS MORE-PREP MARIAN

Principal - Chad Meitner, meitnerc@tmpmarian.org 785-625-6577 ~ www.tmp-m.org

Be a Monarch-4-a-Day on Feb. 27! - If you are the parent of a 5th or 6th grade student, consider having your child attend Monarch-4-a-Day at Thomas More Prep-Marian Catholic Junior High on Wed. Feb. 27th. The event is for any future or potential student to learn more about the culture of our local Catholic school. Attendees will meet current students, learn about technology and STREAM curriculum, celebrate a Mass, and eat lunch together. Dismissal is at noon so that attendees can return to their current school for half of the day. There is no cost to attend. Register by completing a simple and easy form at www.tmp-m.org. Your contact information will only be used for this event.

Monarch-4-a-Day Schedule

7:15-7:55 a.m. - drop off and greeting (NE corner school bild.)

8:00-8:45 a.m. - Junior High Mass 8:50-9:15 a.m. - Welcome Activities 9:20-11:15 a.m. - Student activities,

sample of technology and curriculum

11:20-11:50 a.m. - Lunch

Noon - Pick-up (NE corner of school building)

Transportation may be available for out-of-town students whose parents cannot bring them on Feb. 27. Contact Mrs. Theresa Clark (<u>clarkt@tmpmarian.org</u>) to find out if transportation is available for your area.

TMP CALENDAR

- ◆ **Feb. 27** Monarch-for-a-Day! (see above)
- ♦ Mar. 4 Forensics MCL at 3:30-6:00pm
- ♦ Mar. 19 Varsity Soccer vs. Wichita Classical at 4:00 p.m.
- ♦ Mar. 23 Please join us for the Monarch 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament and Hotshot Contest. The Tournament will be held at TMP-M, Holy Family, and the former Kennedy Middle School. The Tournament is limited to grades 3rd 8th. Deadline for entry is Tuesday, March 19th and the fee is \$10 per player. Please complete registration form at www.tmp-m.org. Not ready to register? No worries. Registration for the Hotshot contest will still be available the day of the Tournament. Admission to the Tournament (players included) is \$2.00 per person. Children 5 and under are free. Concessions will be available. For more information contact Rose McFarland at (785)-625-6577 or mcfarlandr@tmpmarian.org.

St. Thomas More Society (STMS)

As a mission of the Heartland Parishes, HFE and TMP-M partner with the home and parish to build a strong foundation of faith in our students. The mission of HFE & TMP-M rely on your kindness to the STMS to operate. If funded completely, the STMS offers great possibilities for the advancement of our Catholic Schools.

FY 18/19 Budgeted Goal: \$700,00 Received/Pledged - 2/18/19: \$564,707.82 Additional Needed by 6/30/2019: \$135,292.18

Contact Troy Ruda for more information at 785-621-5427, www.tmp-m.org/donate

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1st Tuesday of the Month at 7:30 pm in the lounge.

CATHOLIC DISCIPLES

Wednesdays at 8:00 pm in the lounge.

Comeau Campus Center



The Comeau Catholic Campus Center, located adjacent to the Fort Hays State University campus, is under the direction of Chaplain Pr. Fred Gatschet. Their mission is to serve the needs of Catholic students at FHSU, and provice organizations and activities to help them further deepen their faith. The students at the Center participate in Catholic Disciples, lota Eta Sigma, Knights of Columbus, Bible studies, Crossroads retreats and numerous social activities.

The Center provides daily and weekend Masses, as well as regular opportunities for confession. Under the leadership of Fr. Fred, the Center also provides and promotes opportunities for students who are discerning a calling to religious life to explore their options. Your financial support helps the Comeau Catholic Campus Center to continue their mission.

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Campus Center 24 Hour Adoration

We have Adoration of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament every Tuesday through Wednesday. Exposition begins at the end of the 5:45 p.m. Mass on Tuesday and ends with Benediction before Mass on Wednesday. The students have all the hours covered, but all are wel-

come to spend time in prayer. Students are encouraged to sign up for a Holy Hour at our Wednesday Catholic Disciples meetings. "Could you not keep watch with me for one hour?" (Matthew 26:40)

FHSU Knights of Columbus Council 10211 meets Tuesday, March 4, at 7:30 p.m. in the Campus Center Lounge. All members should be in attendance. If you are a member from your parish back home, you are more then welcome to attend our K of C meetings. Bring your current membership card.

Catholic Disciples meets every Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. in the Lounge. All students are welcome. All you need to do is show up!

Catholic Disciples is putting on the Confirmation Retreat for the 55 Confirmation Candidates at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Salina on Saturday, March 2nd. There is a sign-up in the library for anyone that wants to help. If you have any questions, see Fr. Fred or Catholic Disciples president Reese Leiker.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Collection of.....
February 17 - \$1,305.00

Consider this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sow bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each must do as already determined, without sadness, or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. Moreover, God is able to make every grace abundant for you, so that in all things, always having all you need, you may have an abundance for every good work. 2 Cor 9:6-8

GETTING OUT IN THE ICE, SNOW AND COLD

Fr. Fred Gatschet

Use good judgment in getting out in bad weather when coming to Mass. If the ice, snow, or just the bitter cold and wind are a threat to your health/or safety, please stay home! It is edifying to see that people are really driven by a strong desire to attend Mass. But remember: if you fall and break a bone (or two!) you will probably miss many weeks or months of Masses as opposed to playing it safe and missing just one Mass if the weather is bad. Also keep in mind that when the roads become icy and snow packed the ministers to the homebound will not be going out to distribute communion to the shut ins.

HEARTLAND NEWS

The PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL, at 1805 Vine, IHM Church, is open 24 hours a day 7 days a week and Jesus is waiting for you. Following are the names, time responsible and phone numbers of the Archangels: Bob & Carol Feauto: (12am-6am),628-1429; Lorraine Brungardt, 625-3021: (6am-12pm); Yvonne Demuth: (12pm - 6pm), 628-2172; Geri Rupp: (6pm - 12am), 639-5588.

Times available

Monday 12:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. Sunday 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Victoria VFW Post 1751 is sponsoring the March 10th Breakfast at the Hays VFW in Hays. The tickets sold in advance will help us with our Bathroom and other renovations at the hall. Tickets can be purchased from any VFW Member or by calling Harland 785-623-1368 or Lucy at 785 621 2572. If no answer please leave a message and we will get respond to your message. Adults 8.50 Children 3.50. Under 5 free.

13th Annual Women's Spiritual Conference

The ladies of St. Thomas More and Seven Dolors Catholic Churches, Manhattan, Kansas, invite you to their 6th annual Women's Spirituality Conference, April 6, 2019 beginning at 8:30 a.m. with a Continental breakfast. Registration is \$35 for adults and \$20 for students. You may register on line at http://bit.ly/WomConfernce or stop in your parish office for a registration form. Sarah Hart will present Women of Christ. Sarah Hart is one of the leading figures in contemporary Catholic music today. Her songs of faith have touched the lives of millions. Sara lives in Nashville with her husband and two daughters.

Engaged Couples...BELOVED, one day retreat offers engaged couples a look into the long term comment of marriage and working through challenges as a couple. It explores the spiritual and eternal reality behind "I Do." To sign up for the upcoming retreat March 9, 2019 contact Susan Kisner at skisner@ihmchurch.com or Nancy Urban at nurban76@gmail.com.

BINGO & RAFFLE Please join us for a fun family event! The Ladies Guild will be holding our annual Bingo and Raffle on March 17, 2019. Please join us from 1:00pm-3:00pm in the St. Nicholas Parish Hall.

ENGAGED ECOUNTER DATES - March 8-10, April 5-7, and June 7-9, 2019. All dates are held at the Capuchin Center for Spiritual Life, Victoria, Ks. Contact Chad & Angela Zimmerman, 785-460-1818, coordinator@salinacee.com/ You may register on-line at http://salinacee.com.

The Diocese of Salina Catholic Rural Life Commission will sponsor a WINTER SEMINAR on March 2, 2019 at St. Mary Queen of Angels, Russell, Kansas. The event will begin at 9:30 a.m. with Mass celebrated by honored guest and presenter Bishop Gerald Vincke. \$10.00 per person with lunch provided. You may register online at www.salinadiocese.org/rural-life.

Ellis, St. Mary CYO Community Fried Chicken Dinner, Sunday, February 24, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. or until sold out early. Menu includes: Pan fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetable, coleslaw, dinner roll and dessert. \$5.00 for ages 5 through 9 and \$10.00 for ages 10 and over. Ellis Knights of Columbus Hall, 1013 Washington St., Ellis, Kansas.













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