



St. Joseph Catholic Church

215 West 13th - Hays, Ks. 67601

Comeau Catholic Campus Center

506 W. 6th - Hays, Ks. 67601



Sixth Sunday Ordinary Time February 17, 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.
(When FHSU is in Session)

St. Joseph Parish Service Center

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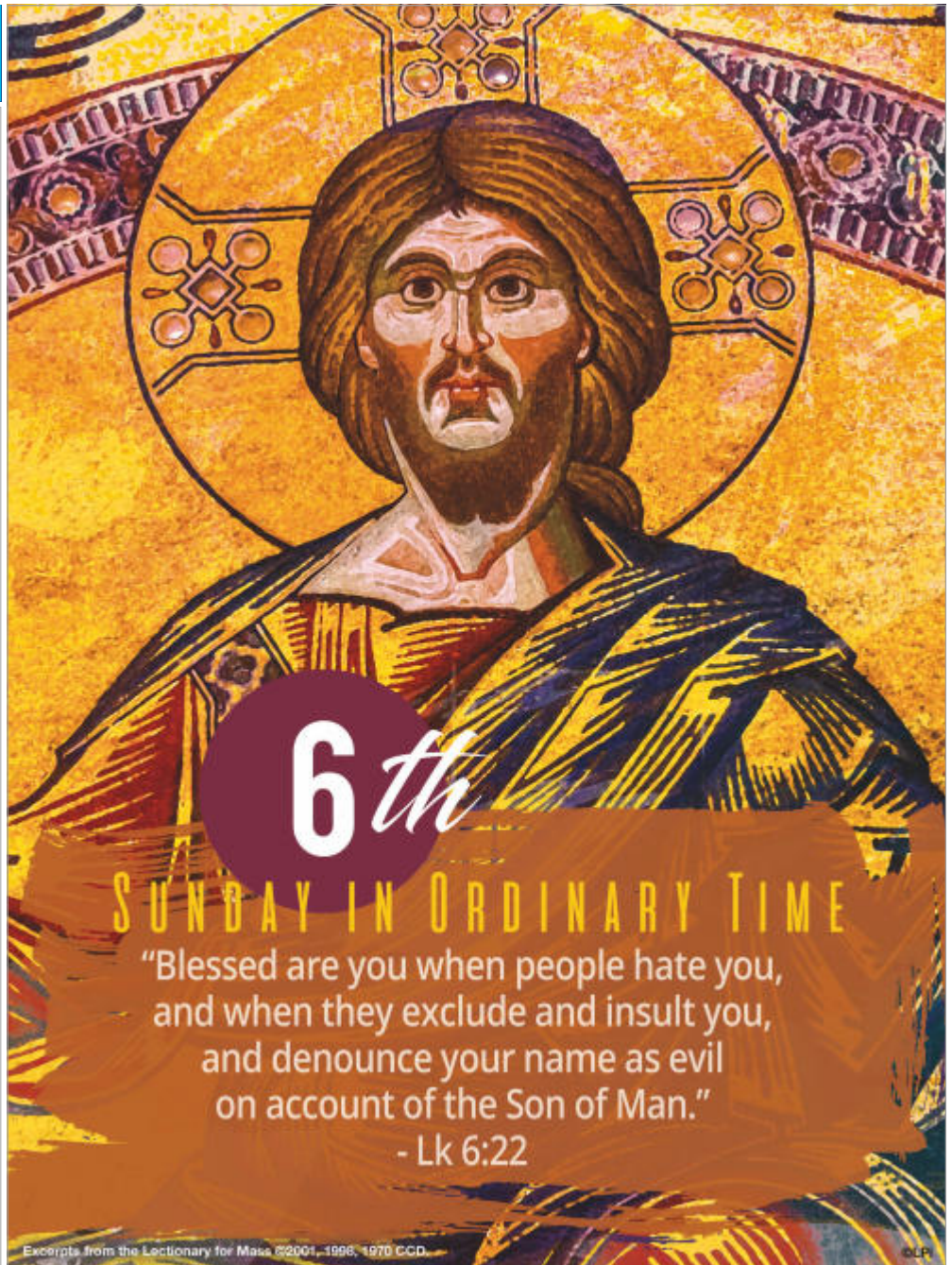
Office Hours

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 17, 2019 - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 17:5-8/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26

7:30 a.m. For the Parish
 9:00 a.m. C +Adolph Glassman
 10:30 a.m. L/D Mem Jim & Shirley Dinkel Family
 Liturgy for Little Ones
 6:00 p.m. C *Forgotten Souls of Purgatory*

Monday, February 18, 2019

Gn 4:1-15, 25/Mk 8:11-13



6:30 a.m. +Myralea Staab
 5:45 p.m. C +Rosetta Shelton

Tuesday, February 19, 2019

Gn 6:5-8, 7:1-5, 10/Mk 8:14-21

6:30 a.m. L/D Mem Francis S. Staab Family
 5:45 p.m. C +John Kisslinger

Wednesday, February 20, 2019

Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Mk 8:22-26

6:30 a.m. +Ruby Binder
 5:45 p.m. C +Lawrence Oelkers

Thursday, February 21, 2019 - St. Peter Damian, Bishop

Gn 9:1-13/Mk 8:27-33

6:30 a.m. +Velma Pfannenstiel
 5:45 p.m. C +Leona Pfeifer

Friday, February 22, 2019 - Chair of St. Peter, Apostle

1Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19

6:30 a.m. L/D Mem Rob & Joanne Wasinger Family

Saturday, February 23, 2019 - St. Polycarp, Bishop

Heb 11:1-7/Mk 9:2-13

10:00 a.m. Funeral - Mary Wellbrock
 3:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
 5:00 p.m. For the Parish

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*



	5:00 p.m. Mass Saturday Feb. 23, 2019	7:30 a.m. Mass Sunday Feb. 24, 2019	10:30 a.m. Sunday Feb. 24, 2019
Sacristan	Lori Giebler	Doug Marsell	Shirley Dinkel
Altar Server	Adler Brown Halle Dreiling Colby Dreiling Jace Wentling	Jacob Sack Kimberly Sack	Jack Johnson Joel Johnson Ernest Pfeifer Jesse Staab
Readers	Doug Ginther Melissa Ginther	Judy Schuler Anthony Walters	Edna Giebler Bethany Staab
EM	Joyce Dinges Judy Flax Melissa Ginther John Haas Bev Schmeidler Rachel Wentling	Lisa Eisiminger Linda Goetz Judy Rome Jeanne Riedel Jim Werth Susan Werth	Laytha Gnad Mike Gnad Cheri Haas Barb Wasinger Carolyn Herman Christine Weber Rich Ruder Sharon Ruder
HBEM		Ann Hugunin	Troy Haas Adele Shaver
Cantor	Tony Dreiling	Anita Walters	Christy Thomas
Greeter	Clay & Jennifer Brown	Jackie Creamer	Kim & Grace Schmeidler
Usher	Jim Fieler Eric Haas Lawrence Kreutzer Robin Wasinger	Vern Gross Jeff Sack Steve Dreiling Jerry Rome	Eric Augustine Jon Schmeidler Jim Dinkel Leon Wolf
Gifts	Trey & Rachel Wentling Family	Nick & Kelli Flax Family	Nathan & Lauren McNeil Family

SILENCE! God is here!

Give yourself enough time to get to church without becoming stressed. "I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord" (Ps 121:1). In our culture it has become increasingly difficult to recollect oneself, to pass from the noisy rush of life into the "adoring silence" that a worthy celebration of Mass requires. Adé Béthune, a lover of the Sacred Liturgy and noted designer of churches, recommended the creation of spaces of transition. One should not have to pass abruptly from the parking lot into the church. Some parishes may want to create a "garden of silence" between the parking lot and the door of the church. Others will make the most of the narthex, porch, or vestibule of the church: the space between the church's inner and outer doors. When you arrive at the door of your church, stop to take Holy Water with your right hand. Make the sign of the cross. Cross the threshold of the House of God deliberately and reverently. If the Blessed Sacrament is reserved in the sanctuary of the church, genuflect, bringing your right knee to the ground in an act of adoration. If the Blessed Sacrament is not reserved where you can see it, bow profoundly before the altar. Use the moments that remain to ready your heart for Holy Mass. Greet the Mother of God, the angels, and the saints represented in your church's holy images.

Pastor's Notes

"Cursed is the One Who Trust in Human Beings"

Fr. Fred Gatschet

This is a rather harsh opening to our first reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah. Shouldn't children be able to trust their parents? Shouldn't spouses trust one another? While the answer is a resounding yes, we also know that it is not always the case.

The one-liner from the First Book of Samuel that has always haunted me is when Samuel, having acquiesced to the stubborn will of the Israelites, anoints Saul to be their king. God and Samuel both warn the Israelites of what they can expect from having a human king (1 Samuel 8:1-18), but the people will hear none of it and demand a king anyway.

Saul turns out to be a complete disaster. After he completely goes over the edge, God approaches Samuel and asks him "How long will you grieve over Saul, whom I have rejected as King of Israel?"

The crux of the whole tragedy was the Israelites thinking they would be better served by a human king than by trusting in God as their King. Furthermore, the two do not need to be mutually exclusive. We can have civil leadership that received our trust and loyalty. We can also trust in God. As long as the civil leadership is leading us in ways that are consistent with the Divine Law, it's all good. This is what St. Paul tells us in Romans 13:1-10 and what St. Peter tells us in 1 Peter 2:13-17.

No doubt most all of us have been disappointed, sometimes deeply, by the actions of another. We get a bad report about one of our children or a person that we trusted is found out to have been leading a double life and has been involved in some nefarious activity. We are understandably upset and maybe even heartbroken. The times this has happened to me, I have heard God's words to Samuel echoing in my own soul, "How long will you grieve over....?"

Many of us will thankfully go to the grave having been associated with people who were as good as their word. They showed us kindness, love, and support all our days. But we will also know the grief and disappointment of the betrayal of those whom we thought we knew; that we could trust, and then tragically found out differently. Instead of diving into despair, we should retreat to the One Who will never let us down and is always there for us.

While Jeremiah warns us that we are cursed if we trust in human beings, he also tells us:

*Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD,
whose hope is the LORD.*

*He is like a tree planted beside the waters
that stretches out its roots to the stream:*

it fears not the heat when it comes;

its leaves stay green;

*in the year of drought it shows no distress,
but still bears fruit.*

The two are not exclusive, but God will never fail us.



QUESTION: Do young children really need to go to confession? After all, how much sin can they really have?

ANSWER: Ask any mom about her child and see how many would say that they are perfect angels! Parents know that kids do wrong things and know they are doing it! After hearing youngsters' confessions many times, I am sure that they know the difference between right and wrong. Sometimes what children consider sinful might not be considered sinful to an adult. But most young people, when asked, can easily explain why something is wrong and why they did it. Confession for children can be a great way to help them form their consciences, make better choices in the future, and grow in their understanding of sin and how it affects others. Most importantly, they learn the value of forgiveness, both received and given.

Confession, and the other sacraments, forms the spiritual life and helps children connect everyday things with their relationship to God. With confession comes hope, forgiveness, and a new start. It also helps them understand God's unconditional love and helps them develop a sense of self worth that transcends their failings. Not bad for an Our Father or two!

TODAYS GOSPEL REFLECTION

What an audience Jesus has in today's Gospel! "A great crowd of his disciples and a large number of people from all over Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon." Disciples, pagans, and devout Jews gathered together to hear Jesus speak in the Sermon on the Mount. All of these people had something in common. God was someone to be bargained with, and if God liked you, you were rewarded with good fortune. This Sunday, Jesus tells us a different story. "Woe to you who are rich ? who are filled now ? who laugh ? when all speak well of you. Blessed are you who are poor ? you who are now hungry ? when people hate you and when they exclude you and insult you." Jesus completely flips the script on what it means to be blessed by God. What he proclaims as "woe" are states of life we often strive for, and "blessed" are the states we work hard to avoid!

Jesus is concerned with the kingdom of God and the world to come, not the typical structures of power and privilege. The word "now" appears often in these statements. Why? If you are well "now," that's beside the point. To be rich in this life has no direct bearing on your immortal soul. If you're struggling "now," that's not an indication that God has forgotten you or that - in light of eternity - you're worse off than someone else. In fact, it could be an indicator that you're enduring something that will bring you to a place of greater, eternal joy in the future.

This Sunday, consider your priorities. Who do we reject as not blessed, and thereby inflict woe upon ourselves? When we encounter difficult situations in our own lives, do we see them as opportunities to remember God and lean on His mercy and grace?

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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.



HFE BUCKS will be available after all Masses **THIS WEEKEND** in back of church. Stop by and see what they have to offer.

LENTEN MEATLESS SOUP SUPPERS - February is going to fly by sooner than 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 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 **02/04/19 - 02/10/19** \$27,499.05

Budgeted envelopes/offertory year to date: \$724,160.00

Actual envelopes/offertory year to date: \$671,656.43

As of **02/10/2019** we are ahead (**behind**) budget YTD (**\$52,503.57**)**Collection Team Schedule**

February 17 - Craig & Brenda Stoecklein

February 24 - Irvin & Terry Leiker

March 3 - Sharon Drees & Debbie Dinges

ST. JOSEPH'S WEEK IN A GLANCE: Feb. 17 - 23, 2019

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

SUN	17	MON	18	TUES	19	WED	20	THURS	21	FRI	22	SAT	23
7:30am Mass - SJ		6:30am Mass - SJ		6:30am Mass - SJ		6:30am Mass - SJ		6:30am Mass - SJ		6:30am Mass - SJ		10:00am Funeral Mass - SJ Mary Wellbrock	
9:00am Mass - CCC								12:00 Noon Basic Bible Class - KB					
10:30am Mass - SJ						5:45pm Mass - C		5:45pm Mass - C					
Liturgy for Little Ones				5:45pm Mass - C		6:45pm RE Class - KB		5:45pm Mass - C				3:30pm Confession - SJ	
6:00pm Mass - CCC						7:30pm Choir Practice - SJ		8:00pm Basic Bible Class - C				5:00pm Mass - SJ	

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.



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.

- ◆ *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

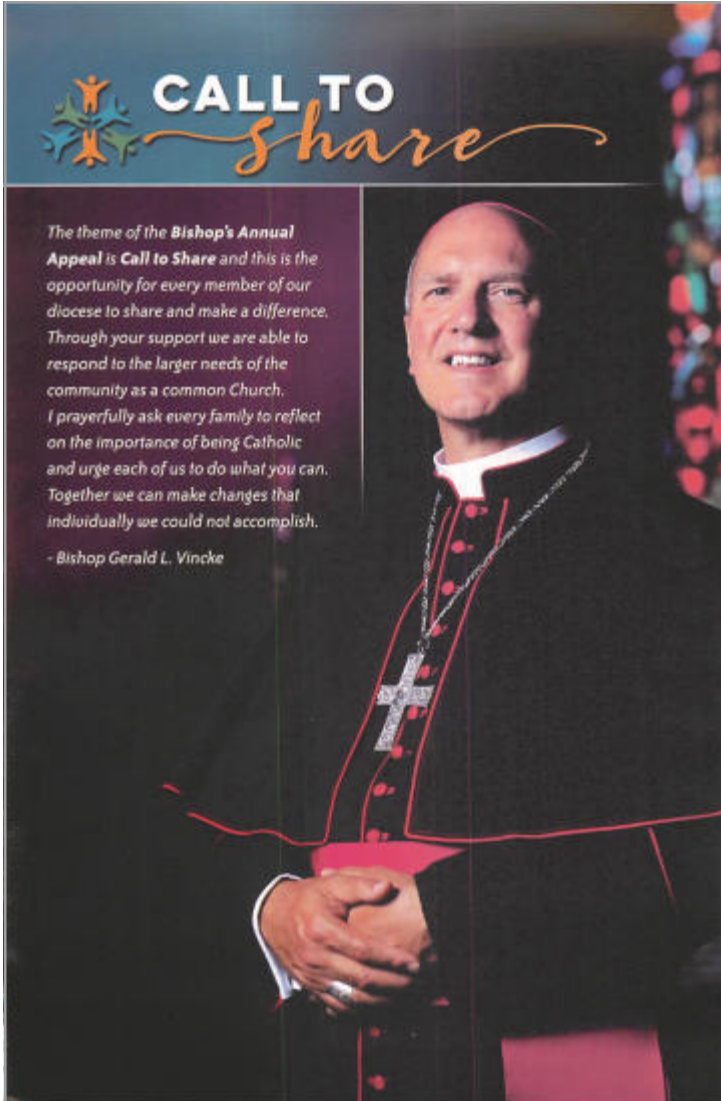
This group follows in the footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi and meets every third Sunday at the Comeau Campus Center at 1:30 p.m. For more information about the meetings or about the Order please contact Brenda Lager at 785-628-3107. Regional Franciscan Website: www.sfojuandepadilla.org.

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.

WOMEN OF ST JOSEPH 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.



CALL TO share

The theme of the **Bishop's Annual Appeal** is **Call to Share** and this is the opportunity for every member of our diocese to share and make a difference. Through your support we are able to respond to the larger needs of the community as a common Church. I prayerfully ask every family to reflect on the importance of being Catholic and urge each of us to do what you can. Together we can make changes that individually we could not accomplish.

- Bishop Gerald L. Vincke



2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal

"Behold, how good it is, and how pleasant, where humanity dwells as one." Psalm 133:1

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Catholic Community Annual Appeal has been renamed the Bishop's Annual Appeal – Call to Share. I am asking for your generosity and support as we begin this important endeavor.

It's been great to meet so many of you throughout the Diocese of Salina. I really love being here, and feel blessed to be able to serve in this diocese. This year, after careful consideration of our needs, I am asking parishioners in our diocese to respond generously to the \$1,400,000 goal we have established. I believe that, with your support and kindness, we can reach our goal.

The Bishop's Annual Appeal will help form our seminarians to become priests, provide retirement for clergy who have faithfully served us, and offer administration and aid for our students in the 15 Catholic schools in our diocese. Nearly 90% of the funds we raise are spent in direct benefit to individuals and parishes in every corner of the diocese. The other funding will help our general administrative operations, as well as our new endeavors to establish a new communications office and focus on evangelization.

In the coming weeks, you will receive a more personal packet of information from me that invites your participation. As you consider your gift to the Call to Share campaign I ask you to do the following: **listen and learn**— become more informed about what is needed, why, and where funds will be spent; **pray and discuss**— take time to pray about what your role should be to address the service needs of the Church, and discuss it with your family; finally, **decide and act**— complete and return your pledge so we can celebrate with thousands of others lending their support.

Ultimately, it is your gift – along with other families in our diocese – **that will determine how we can best respond to the ongoing needs of our community and Church.**

Once again, I ask for your prayerful consideration and generous support. Thank you!

In Christ's love and service,

Most Reverend Gerald L. Vincke



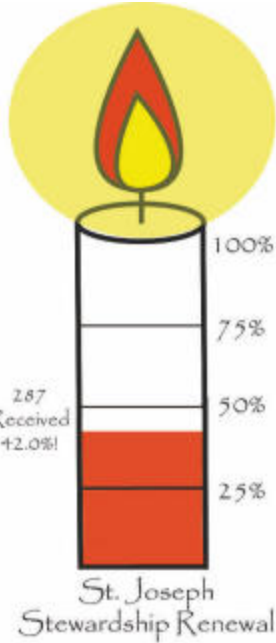
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St. Joseph registered parishioners should have received their Stewardship Renewal Forms (SRF) along with their Tithing information in January. Please look over these forms for any additions, changes, or corrections. If you are continuing your ministry/ministries, 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 sheet.

As of February 12, out of the 684 stewardship renewal forms that were sent out in January, 287 have been returned, which is 42.0% of the parish.



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.

Our church window for today will be one most people consider their favorite. It is located in the middle of the church on the west side. In the right frame is Mary, and in the left is the Lord.

Let's consider Jesus first. He is standing, dressed in a white tunic and red toga. His left hand points to his heart, which is exposed. That is the typical pose for the Sacred Heart. Devotion to the Sacred Heart was extremely popular in the late nineteenth century and the early twentieth. Some of us can remember the weekly Sacred Heart Devotions. I'm sure they would not fly today. In Jesus' hands and feet are the marks of the nails.

Next week, we will talk about the Blessed Virgin Mary and the following week, what is above the windows.




Heartland Parishes Mission

Hosted by: Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish
1805 Vine Street Hays, Kansas

February 24th, 25th and 26th

Join Us As We Welcome



Gus Lloyd

CATHOLIC

Apologetics

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!!

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION



Today's readings speak of an essential quality for the Christian steward — hope. According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, "Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promises and relying not on our own strength but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit (CCC 1817)." In many ways this is the very definition of a stewardship way of life — focusing on eternity as we live our daily lives and relying on God to provide for our needs and satisfy our deepest longings for meaning and happiness right now.

In today's Gospel from Luke, Jesus describes the true richness of life that is possible for those of us who are willing to live as his hope-filled disciples. We are all familiar with this passage in which Jesus reveals the Beatitudes: blessed are the poor; they have the kingdom of God. Blessed are those now hungry because they will be satisfied. Blessed are those who weep because they will laugh. Blessed are those who are hated, excluded and insulted because they are disciples of Jesus; they will be greatly rewarded in heaven. Jesus is describing here the character of one who is living a life of hope — the life of a Christian steward whose trust is firmly rooted in God and who is focused on others and eternity. It is not always an easy life, but it is a deeply meaningful life and one that leads to eternal reward.

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

When I was a child, I often thought of the Church as something mystical and supernatural. I wasn't wrong in my understanding of the Body of Christ, for surely the Church has these characteristics. However, even though we speak about the foundation of all we are as Church being the "mystery of Christ," Jesus became a man so that supernatural element could break into the natural world in a profound way. What we once could not see, we now see. What we saw as a God in a distant place now dwelt among us. It is one of the aspects of Catholicism that I have grown to appreciate the most as I have matured: for a Catholic, the supernatural is natural. The communion of saints is heavenly and earthly at the same time.

The Beatitudes instruct us about this reality. Pope Francis reminds us that holiness is "not about swooning in mystic rapture." Holiness is about living in the real world and doing extraordinary things with our ordinary lives. Our stewardship way of life consists of actions in the natural world that have extraordinary repercussions.

Do not ever take your simple actions of generosity and love for granted. As disciples called to a life of stewardship, we participate in something more profound than what we can see. We are blessed to be called to follow Jesus, and we bring blessing to all those with whom we choose to share ourselves.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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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

Next CYO meeting will be Saturday, February 16th at 6:00 p.m. in the Kennedy Teen Room (Basement Entrance)

Please call or text Jennifer to RSVP at 785-259-4458.

"Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word: always doing the smallest right & doing it all for love." ~ St. Therese.

HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

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

Feb. 18	NO SCHOOL - Diocesan In-Service
Feb. 19	Preschool P.T. Conferences, 4:00-7:00pm
Feb. 20	Spring Picture Day (free dress day) Faculty Collab. Mtgs. 3:40pm
Feb. 21	PT Conferences (all grades) 4:00-7:00pm
Feb. 22	NO SCHOOL PT Conferences (all grades) 10:00am-4:00pm
Feb. 25	Advisory Council Mtg. 5:15pm in Library
Feb. 27	Papa Murphy's Fundraising Day

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!



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.

This is more than a shadowing experience. Come feel the energy and excitement of the TMP-Marian Junior High faith community!

Monarch-4-a-Day Schedule

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

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 (clarkt@tmpmarian.org) to find out if transportation is available for your area.



TMP CALENDAR

- ♦ Feb. 19 - HS Basketball Plainville at 4:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at the Al Billinger Fieldhouse.
- ♦ Feb. 21 - HS Basketball vs. Hutch Trinity at 4:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at the Al Billinger Field House.
- ♦ Mar. 4 - Forensics MCL at 3:30-6:00pm
- ♦ Mar. 19 - Varsity Soccer vs. Wichita Classical at 4:00 p.m.

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 - 2/11/19: \$562,527.82

Additional Needed by 6/30/2019: \$137,472.18

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

ST. JOSEPH FAITH INFORMATION CALENDAR

For questions contact: Becky Newell, DRE, 913-638-2960 or stjdreks@gmail.com

Feb. 20	Class
Feb. 27	Class
March 6	No Class - Ash Wednesday
March 13	No Class - Spring Break
March 20	Class
March 27	Class
April 3	Class
April 10	Last Class of the Year!
April 17	NO CLASS Holy Week
April 24	End-of Year Family Picnic

First Reconciliation & Communion Schedule

Mar. 3	St. Joseph Parish First Communion Retreat 1- 2:30pm
May 1	First Communion Practice St. Joseph church 6:30 p.m.
May 5	First Communion Mass St. Joseph Church - 10:30 a.m.

Confirmation Schedule

Feb. 10	Confirmation Retreat - St. Joes Sunday, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Feb. 10	Letter to Bishop and Confirmation Paperwork due.
Mar. 1	Confirmation Practice - 6:00pm
Mar. 2	Confirmation Mass - 5:00pm

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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

CATHOLIC DISCIPLES

Wednesdays at 8:00 pm in the lounge.



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 welcome 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 than 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

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February 10 - \$1,810.00

Consider this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows 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.

Comeau Campus Center



The Comeau Catholic Campus Center, located adjacent to the Fort Hays State University campus, is under the direction of Chaplain Fr. Fred Gatschet. Their mission is to serve the needs of Catholic students at FHSU, and provide organizations and activities to help them further deepen their faith. The students at the Center participate in Catholic Disciples, Iota 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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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 785-623-1368 // 785-735-2206. 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 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/WomConference>.

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.

SENIOR CENTER MEAL SITE

Did you know there is a Senior Center Meal Site in Hays that serves nutritional meals Monday - Friday? Those over 60 years of age pay a requested contribution of \$3.25 per meal. Guest under 60 must pay full cost of the meal which is \$6.00 a plate. The meal site is located at 2450 E. 8th (in front of the Rose Garden Banquet Hall). Please make sure to call 785-628-6644 before 11:30am the day before to reserve a meal.

MARDI GRAS! Hosted by IHM Evangelization Team, Saturday, February 23, 2019, 1805 Vine - Activity Center. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Full catered meal by Chartwells begins at 6:45 p.m. Dance and entertainment by SOLITAIRE (Tim Schumacher). Price is \$25 - Must be 21 to enter—open bar. Tickets are available at the IHM Parish Office. And will also be sold at the door on February 23rd.

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 Vinke. \$10.00 per person with lunch provided. You may register online at www.salinadiocese.org/rural-life.

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