



# St. Joseph Catholic Church

215 West 13th - Hays, Ks. 67601

## Comeau Catholic Campus Center

506 W. 6th - Hays, Ks. 67601



### Fourth Sunday of Lent March 22, 2020

#### St. Joseph Mass Times

Saturday: 8:00am & 5:00pm

Sunday: 7:30am & 10:30am

Monday - Friday: 6:30am

Holy Days Masses:

5:30pm (Vigil) 6:30am, 12:05pm, 5:30pm

Rosary before each Mass.

Confession: Sat. 3:30pm

#### Comeau Campus Center Mass Times

Sunday: 9:00am & 6:00pm

Monday & Tuesday: 5:45pm

Wednesday: 9:15pm

Thursday: 5:45pm

Friday: 12:10pm

Holy Day Masses 4:45pm

Confession - Sun. - Thur.,  
5:00pm - 5:40pm  
(All Year)

Adoration - Begins, Tues, 9:30am  
ends Wed. 5:45pm.  
(When FHSU is in Session)

### St. Joseph Parish Service Center

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Email: [stjoseph@stjoehays.com](mailto:stjoseph@stjoehays.com)

Web Page: [www.stj-church.com](http://www.stj-church.com)

#### Office Hours

Mon.- Thurs. 8:00am - 5:00pm

Fri. 8:00 a.m. - noon

Office Closed Saturday, Sunday,

Holy Days/Holidays



## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out,  
he found him and said, "Do you believe in the  
Son of Man?" - Jn 9:35

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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."

# Pastor's Notes

Fr. Brian Lager

Public Masses being cancelled throughout our diocese and the country makes it difficult for us to have the normal spiritual life that we are accustomed to having. I would like to you ten suggestions during this time to supplement your spiritual life.

1. There are several places that you can watch Mass online. EWTN, Bishop Robert Barron, and individual priests and parishes have already been offering online Mass.
2. Praying the Liturgy of the Hours. If you have never prayed this before you can download the free Ibreviary app on your phone and learn how to pray it. There are also online resources to teach you how.
3. The Rosary. The tradition of the Rosary began with praying 150 Hail Mary's, one for each psalm. We typically think of the 50 Hail Mary's that we pray. This is a great prayer that we can offer for the end of this virus.
4. Reading the scriptural readings for the weekday and the Sunday Mass. They can be found on the USCCB website.
5. Reading through the parts of the Mass without the consecration prayers. This deepens our devotion with the recognition that the essential parts to consecrate the Eucharist are missing and we need priests to do those parts. It teaches us to pray for an end of this quarantine as well as for an increase in vocations.
6. Lectio Divina. This practice of praying through the scriptures allows us to deepen our love for the scriptures which are the Word of God.
7. Spiritual Communion. This is a practice of Catholics that increases our desire to receive Jesus in the Eucharist when we physically cannot. My Jesus, I believe that Thou art present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love Thee above all things and I desire Thee in my soul. Since I cannot now receive Thee sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though Thou wert already there, I embrace Thee and unite myself wholly to Thee; permit not that I should ever be separated from Thee. Amen.
8. Making phone calls. When we cannot be in the physical presence of one another because of this virus, it is still important that we continue keeping in touch with others. With modern technology

video phone calls are a great resource.

9. Stations of the Cross. Although gatherings of people in large groups is prohibited at this point, we can still come to the church and pray. The Stations of the Cross are a great way to unite our sufferings in these times to those of Christ.
10. Shut off the media. Spend time with your family. Let us look to the positive outcomes of these trying times. We have a great opportunity to grow in holiness and love of God and neighbor during these days.

These are unprecedented days that we are encountering. As a parish let us hold one another in prayer but also those in the medical field, and those in leadership positions making decisions for our good and the good of our world. Father Ryan and I will do our best to minister to you in these trying times. Please know that we will be available for Confessions at the usual times, and will be offering private masses for you and your intentions. May God bless you.

## St. Joseph Bible Study

Our Bible Study, Promise and Fulfillment: The Eucharist in Scripture will be available online. Everyone will have access. We will publish the access point for you to watch as soon as we receive it. I encourage you to take the opportunity to watch it as it will help to deepen your understanding of the Mass and the Eucharist.

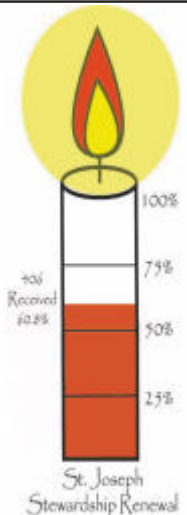
## STWARDSHIP RENEWAL FORMS

*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.

As of March 10th, out of the 668 stewardship renewal forms that were sent out in January, **406** have been returned, which is **60.8%** of the parish.

A second mailing went out toward the end of last week. Please be sure to return your forms this week in the collection or mail to the parish service center.

Help us hit 80% returns this year! Send in your Stewardship Renewals.



## ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEWS



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to our pastor, Fr. Brian Lager, on Monday, March 23rd.

**MASS INTENTIONS** for this week will be said by our priests as they offer their daily Mass. Please also keep our priests in your prayers that they remain healthy and free from the virus.

**OLD PALMS** - If you have any old palms that you are wanting to get rid of before Palm Sunday, just drop them off in the basket that is located on the back counter of the church under the donation memorial board.

**EXTRA CONFESSION TIMES** on Sundays are 6:45 - 7:15am, 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. and all Wednesdays 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. during Lent. There will be **NO** communal penance Service at St. Joseph Parish this year.

### BAPTISMS IN OUR PARISH

This past Saturday evening, March 15th, we welcomed into our community of faith, **Blaise Anthony Lang** son of Nathan & Jennifer Lang. Godparents are David & Tara Melendez. Fr. Brian Lager administered the Sacrament of Baptism.

This past Sunday, March 15th, we welcomed into our community of faith, **Elijah Benjamin Whitmer** son of Ben & Toni Whitmer. Godparents are John & Jennifer Whitmer. Fr. Brian Lager administered the Sacrament of Baptism.

### ST JOSEPH SACRED HEART ROOM

Do you have any religious statues, rosaries, Catholic books, framed prints, holy water fonts or battles, nativity sets that you are no longer wanted hand down from your parents. What to do with these items? Bring them to the St. Joseph parish offices and we will place them in our Sacred Heart room for other people to take and enjoy. We also take old palms, broken rosaries and crucifixes and dispose them in a correct manner.



## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Budgeted envelopes/offertory per week	\$21,250.00
Actual envelopes/offertory received 03/09/20-15/08/20	\$16,049.60
For this week, the collection is <b>ahead</b> (behind)	(\$5,200.49)
Budgeted envelopes/offertory thru 02/29/2020	\$736,666.68
Actual envelopes/offertory thru 02/29/2020	\$719,648.68
As of 02/29/2020 we are <b>ahead</b> (behind) budget for the fiscal year.	(\$17,018.00)

## ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

215 West 13th, Hays, Ks. 67601

*Most Reverend Gerald "Jerry" Vincke*

*Bishop of Salina*

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### Director of Religious Education

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Any allegation of the abuse of a minor, may be reported to the Kansas Protection Report Center (1-800-922-5330), the KBI Crime Hotline (1-800-KSCRIME) or [ClergyAbuse@kbi.ks.gov](mailto:ClergyAbuse@kbi.ks.gov). The Diocese of Salina fully participates in all criminal investigations related to abuse perpetrated by a member of the clergy or other church official.

For the safety of children and the healing of those who have suffered abuse, the Diocese of Salina provides an Abuse Response Hotline (1-785-825-0865); an Abuse Response Email ([reportabuse@salinadiocese.org](mailto:reportabuse@salinadiocese.org)); and an Abuse Response Online Submission Form ([www.salinadiocese.org/safety-security](http://www.salinadiocese.org/safety-security)). Reports will be responded to promptly by the Diocesan Assistance Coordinator. All reports are confidential with the exception of those involving the abuse of minors, which will be immediately reported by the Diocese to the proper authorities, as required by Kansas State Law and Diocesan Policy.

*This bulletin announcement provided by the Diocesan Office of Safety and Security*

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF



SALINA

March 17, 2020

**Statement of Bishop Gerald L. Vincke  
Regarding Cancellation of Public Masses  
in the Diocese of Salina due to COVID-19**

With deep sadness and in conjunction with the bishops of Kansas, effective 1 pm on March 17, 2020, and until further notice, all public celebrations of the Holy Mass in the Diocese of Salina are cancelled except for funeral Masses. Some of you will be understanding, others will be saddened, others angry, and others will feel like this decision is over-the-top and media driven. Please know that this decision was a very difficult one. In making this decision, we have the very young, the aged, and those most immune compromised in mind as we respect the dignity of every human person.

Confirmation Masses are postponed to a later date. Funeral Masses are limited to immediate family members. No funeral luncheons may be held. A funeral liturgy outside of Mass must be limited to immediate family members also. In addition to celebrating the funeral Mass or funeral liturgy outside of Mass, families and pastors are encouraged to schedule Memorial Masses for their loved ones in the future, when public health restrictions are relaxed, so that larger numbers may gather if desired. Priests are invited to continue to offer Mass privately for the Mass intentions scheduled.

All communal penance services are cancelled. Priests should continue as much as possible to offer individual confessions at regularly scheduled times. Confessions are to be heard only behind a screen or other barrier and not face to face. At no time should there be more than 10 people gathered in the church waiting for confession. Baptisms may continue but only parents, godparents and immediate family members who are asymptomatic may attend.

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Please do not come to any of the above if you are sick, if you have been exposed to the coronavirus, if you suspect you have been exposed or if you have been advised by a doctor not to go out in public or attend public gatherings.

I know that many of you will feel that we are taking away Jesus when we need Him the most. Others will say that if we had more faith, all will be well. But the Lord also invites us to be prudent and charitable, too. I am encouraging all priests to keep the Church doors open as much as possible so that the faithful can pray. In many ways, we can unite ourselves with Jesus, who even more deeply felt abandoned even by his Heavenly Father during his agony.

I encourage all the faithful to continue to join in prayer for the health and protection of our entire community and nation, and for an end to this crisis. I encourage all families and individuals to pray the rosary, invoking the intercession and protection of our Blessed Mother, Health of the Sick, for these intentions and for the health and well-being of our brothers and sisters who are ill, for their caretakers, and for all doctors, nurses, medical and emergency preparedness personnel and elected officials. I also ask you to join in praying a novena to the Blessed Mother which began March 16 until the Annunciation on March 25. The prayer asking for her intercession is available on our website. Thank you. Please know that Masses will be available to watch on our website too.

May God bless you and your families with much peace and healing.

In Christ's service,

Most Rev. Gerald L. Vincke

Bishop of Salina



**St. Joseph's Food Pantry** announces the addition of its  
**DIAPER CLOSET**

Open on the **FIRST SATURDAY** of each month,  
 9am-noon, beginning on 5/2/2020.

Now, parents who are in need of diaper support can  
 come to the Food Pantry's **DIAPER CLOSET** to  
 register their child and receive a bundle of diapers /wipes each month.



**DONATIONS ARE NEEDED:**



**Disposable Diapers:** Sizes 1-6, esp. the larger sizes.

**Baby Wipes:** Fragrance Free

**Monetary Donations** of any amount.

Donated items may be left in the Food Pantry Donation Barrels located  
 inside the Kennedy School Building, doors 25&26 , from 8am-3pm.

Monetary Gifts may be directed to

St. Joseph Food Pantry—DIAPER CLOSET

and left at the Parish Office or placed in the weekend collections.



Help us stock the Diaper Closet  
 as we support LIFE in this  
 very practical way!





## Congratulations to our Confirmundi from 2020

### Row One (Left to Right):

Fr. Ryan, Saige Herl, Allison Weber, Kimberly Sack, Helen Cappuccio, Abigail Boyer

### Row Two (Left to Right):

Will Linenberger, Avery Schmidt, Jaiden Pfannenstiel, Peyton Schwartz, Griffin Schwartz, AJ Brown, Georgia Edmonds

### Row Three (Left to Right):

Josh Becker, Mark Schuckman, Benjamin Pardee, Harley Zimmerman, Griffin Schumacher, Haley Rees, Halle Dreiling, Bishop Vincke

### Row Four (Left to Right):

Fr. Brian, Jacey Byfield, Kyzer Fox, Kyle Wasinger, Kendall Walker, Nolan Gottschalk



## Divine Mercy Sunday

The Divine Mercy Prayer Service will be held at **3 p.m., Sunday, April 19**, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. The hour will include Eucharistic Exposition, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy in song, litany of prayers and meditation. Jesus entrusted Saint Maria Faustina with the task of spreading the message of his Divine Mercy through a series of visions and interior locutions in the 1930s. When Pope John Paul II canonized Saint Faustina April 30, 2000, he declared the Sunday after Easter to be Divine Mercy Sunday and an official feast day of the Church. **Everyone is encouraged to pray the novena to the Divine Mercy, which begins on Good Friday. Leaflets on this novena are in the brochure rack of the church. CONFESSIONS WILL BE HEARD BEGINNING AT 2 p.m.** This prayer service is sponsored by Divine Mercy Radio 88.1.

## St. Joseph Faith Formation

### St. Joseph Parish Faith Formation Calendar 2020

March 25	No Class: Spring Break
April 1	Class, 6:30 - 7:30pm
<b>April 8</b>	<b>No Class: Holy Week</b>
April 15	Class, 6:30 - 7:30pm
April 22	End of the Year Family Celebration

### FIRST RECONCILIATION & COMMUNION SCHEDULE

Wed., Apr. 15	First Communion Practice St. Joseph 6:30pm
Sun., April 19	First Communion Mass St. Joseph 10:30am

## RCIA CLASS

### RCIA - Rite for Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA classes have begun. Classes are held on Tuesday evening in the St. Joseph Parish Office.

**Mar. 17, Tues. - NO CLASS; Mar. 24, Tues. - NO CLASS**

Contact Fr. Ryan McCandless at the parish office, 785-625-7356 or e-mail him at [stjassociate@stjoehays.com](mailto:stjassociate@stjoehays.com) for questions.

## 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 April 4th & 18th.

### Item of the month - Beans & Fruits, all varieties


- ♦ 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](mailto:michauds@ruraltel.net)

## ST. JOSEPH DIAPER CLOSET

### DONATIONS NEEDED:

- ♦ Disposable Diaper: Sizes 1-6, esp. the larger sizes.
- ♦ Baby Wipes: fragrance free
- ♦ Monetary donations

Donated items can be left in the Food Pantry Donation Barrels located in the Kennedy Building doors 25 & 26. from 8am - 3pm. Monetary gifts may be directed to **St. Joseph - DIAPER CLOSET** and left at the parish office or placed in the weekend collection. Your generosity is very much appreciated!



What she saw changed everything and began an eye-opening journey across the life line.

*Abby Johnson*  
Former Planned Parenthood director and accomplished author who inspired the movie *Unplanned*.

**LEADING THE WAY TO A CULTURE OF LIFE.**

**Saturday 5.2.20 1:00 pm**

**Location** Expo Hall  
Century 2 Convention Center  
225 W. Douglas Ave.  
Wichita, KS 67202

**TICKETS** \$10 per person  
Children 12 and under free  
Available @ [www.century2.org](http://www.century2.org)  
On sale 1.1.20  
All proceeds will be donated to pro-life causes

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**



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Vacant

1st Tuesday of the Month at 7:30 pm in the lounge.  
Bring your current membership card.

Wednesdays at 8:00 pm in the lounge.

**Campus Center collection for  
3/8/2020 - \$1,142.00**

- ◆ Sun. - Confessions at 5:00pm, Mass at 6:00pm
- ◆ Mon. - No Confessions or Mass
- ◆ Tues. - No Confessions or Mass
- ◆ Wed. - No Confessions or Mass  
No Catholic Disciples
- ◆ Thurs. - No Confessions or Mass
- ◆ Fri. - No 12:10pm Mass

**Principal - Chad Meitner, [meitnerc@tmpmarian.org](mailto:meitnerc@tmpmarian.org)**

**785-625-6577 ~ [www.tmp-m.org](http://www.tmp-m.org)**

**TMP-M calendar at [www.tmp-m.org/calendar](http://www.tmp-m.org/calendar)**

Stewardship forms for those with children enrolled in Thomas More Prep-Marian or Holy Family Elementary are available online at <https://tmp-m.org/2020stewardship/>. The deadline for submission was 3/6. If you have not completed your form, please do so as soon as possible.

Consider the STMS in your charitable giving this year. This fund enables TMP-Marian and Holy Family Elementary to provide superior Catholic education and attract and retain excellent faculty and staff. In FY 19-20, the STMS is called upon to raise \$650,000 by June 30, 2020 toward the funding of the schools. Thank you to those who have already contributed to the success of our students through the STMS. Contact Troy Ruda, Advancement Director, at [rudat@tmpmarian.org](mailto:rudat@tmpmarian.org) or (785) 621-5427 to become a member of the STMS! Gifts may also be made online at [tmp-m.org/donate](http://tmp-m.org/donate)

Tickets are sold-out for ACE 2020! which will take place on Saturday, April 25, 2020. The theme is "ACE in the Wild " a safari theme! Item #60 within ACE will raise funds for the safety of Hays Catholic Schools, "A Campaign the Protection of God's Greatest Gifts." This safety measure will address access control and surveillance in addition to overall campus and facility safety and liability. A gift to Item #60 is subject to matching funds provided by the Leo J. & Albina Dreiling Trust. Contact the Alumni Office at (785) 625-9434 to reserve your seat, purchase raffle tickets and make your donation to Item #60. Additional details are available at [tmp-m.org/ace/](http://tmp-m.org/ace/)

**Principal - Rachel Wentling, [rwentling@hfehays.org](mailto:rwentling@hfehays.org)**

**785-625-3131 ~ [www.hfe.org](http://www.hfe.org)**

**SCHOOL NOTES ARE PENDING**

## Comeau Campus Center



The Comean Catholic Campus Center, located adjacent to the Fort Hays State University campus, is under the direction of Chaplains Fr. Brian Lager and Fr. Ryan McCandless. 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. 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.

## PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

### DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

Are you interested in becoming a D of I member? Please contact Peggy Feltis at 785-628-1336 for more information. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

St. Joseph Knights of Columbus, Council #1325 meets every **THIRD** 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](http://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 SHARING GROUP

This group meets after the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Saturday mornings in the large conference room. You may enter after Mass through the east sacristy door or if you are not attending Mass through the east side door to the parish offices. Women are invited to just drop in and join us as we discuss the scriptures for the following Sunday's Mass.

## Sacraments and Parish Information

### **ST. JOSEPH PARISH MEMBERSHIP:**

To become a registered member of St. Joseph Parish, stop by the office to pick up a registration form or go to our website, [www.stj-church.com](http://www.stj-church.com) and click on the **DOWNLOAD** button under the "Parish Registration Forms"

**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.

### **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.

**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 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.

### **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: [stjo-seph@stjoehays.com](mailto:stjo-seph@stjoehays.com).

## Reflections on Stewardship in light of the Gospel of Matthew

### Give off the top

The small church was in financial difficulty. The parish treasurer had resigned. The parish debt seemed insurmountable. Salaries were not being paid, and little money was available for charity. In desperation, the pastor asked the local grain manager to help the church by serving as treasurer. Fine, the man agreed...but with two stipulations. First, there would be no treasurer's report for the first year. Second, there would be no questions for the first year. The pastor agreed and the man took the job, promising to make a full report after the first year.

The year came and went, and soon the new treasurer was preparing to give his report to the parish council. The news was good. The parish debt was gone. Salaries were up-to-date and employees even receive a raise. There was money in the parish account... and the parish's charitable donations had increased tenfold.

How did he do it?

The man grinned. "it wasn't hard at all. You all bring your grain to my elevator. Throughout the year, I simply withheld 10 percent on your behalf and gave it to the church."

"You did not even miss it."

Stewardship is a leap of faith in real-life situations. *Spend some quiet time with the Lord*

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### PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Heavenly Father, bless our diocese with the grace of many vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Through the intercession of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, grant to those you have called the willingness and generosity of spirit to give themselves in devoting their lives and their talents to the service of our Lord and to his Church. Increase the faith of all within our diocese, and particularly the faith of those you have called and will continue to call to serve your people. Helps each of us be good stewards of the gift of our vocation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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## HEARTLAND NEWS

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~ Time slots available ~  
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**Thursday: 7:00am - 8:00am**

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Joan Dunn and Esther Rader  
 Companions in Christ

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