



St. Joseph Catholic Church

215 West 13th - Hays, Ks. 67601

Comeau Catholic Campus Center

506 W. 6th - Hays, Ks. 67601



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 13, 2020

St. Joseph Mass Times

Saturday: 8:00am & 5:00pm

Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00am & 10:30am

Monday - Friday: 6:30am

Holy Days Masses: See Bulletin/Website

Rosary before each Mass.

Confession: Sat. 3:30pm; Wed. 5:00pm

Sun. 6:45-7:15am / 9:30-10:15am

First Friday Deviations: Noon

Comeau Campus Center Mass Times

Sunday: 9:00am & 6:00pm

Monday - Thursday: 5:45pm

Friday: 12:10pm

Holy Day Masses 4:45pm

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

Sunday, 5:00-5:30pm

(All Year)

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

before the 5:45pm Mass.

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Mon. - Thurs. 8:00am - 4:00pm

Fri. 8:00 a.m. - noon

Office Closed Saturday, Sunday,
Holy Days/Holidays



3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A man named John was
sent from God. He came
for testimony, to testify to
the light, so that all might
believe through him.

- Jn 1:6-7

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

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, Dec. 13, 2020 - Third Sunday of Advent

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

6:45 - 7:15 a.m. Confessions
 7:30 a.m. For the Parish
 9:00 a.m.C +Gilbert "Gib" Schippers
 9:00 a.m. +Rose Mary Karlin
 10:30 a.m. L/D Mem Nick & Christina Klaus
 6:00 p.m.C +Darrell McGinnis
 7:00 p.m. Advent Vespers/Confessions

Monday, Dec. 14, 2020 - St. John of the Cross

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a, Mt 21:23-27

6:30 a.m. L/D Mem Bill Dowling Family
 5:00 p.m.C Confessions
 5:45 p.m.C +Alfred "Bud" Lager

Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2020

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32

6:30 a.m. +Mary A. Schmeidler (Ann.)
 5:00 p.m.C Confessions
 5:45 p.m.C Thomas Eppler

Wednesday, Dec. 16, 2020

Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Lk 7:18b-23

6:30 a.m. +Richard Whitmer
 5:00 p.m. Confessions
 5:00 p.m.C Confessions
 5:45 p.m.C +Bernard Huelsmann

Thursday, Dec. 17, 2020

Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17

6:30 a.m. +Cecelia Kreutzer (Ann.)
 5:45 p.m.C Thomas Eppler

Friday, Dec. 18, 2020

Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25

6:30 a.m. L/D Mem Mike & Dee Brull Family
 12:10 p.m.C Thomas Eppler

Saturday, Dec. 19, 2020

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25

8:00 a.m. Vocations
 3:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
 5:00 p.m. +Eddie Schmeidler

Sunday, Dec. 20, 2020 - Forth Sunday of Advent

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

6:45 - 7:15 a.m. Confessions
 7:30 a.m. +Virgil Staab
 9:00 a.m.C For the Parish
 9:00 a.m. +Clarence Legleiter
 10:30 a.m. +Leola Gottschalk
 6:00 p.m.C +Darrell McGinnis
 7:00 p.m. Advent Vespers/Confessions

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Advent 3	Sat. Dec. 19th 5:00pm	Sun. Dec. 20th 7:30am	Sun. Dec. 20th 10:30am
Sacristan	Sara Vonfeldt	Kevin Augustine	Vickie Walters
Altar Servers	Janet Hugunin Abby Hugunin Karlee Crispin Avery Brown	Blaise Staab Evan Staab	Gordon Schroeder Jack Schroeder Faith Schmeidler Grace Schmeidler
Cantor	BAND	Liz Schmeidler	Christy Thomas
EM HB		Judy Dischner Irvin Leiker	Adele Shaver Mike Gnad
Reader	Anthony Walters Ann Hugunin	Maddy Mall Allen Schmidt	Carolyn Herman Kim Schmeidler
Usher	Cletus Knipp Joe Billinger	Bruce Goetz Steve Dreiling	Jon Schmeidler Eric Augustine

SUNDAY, December 20th - 9:00am Mass

Reader - Melissa Ginther

VESPERS, Sunday - December 20th, 7:00pm



Cantor- Abby Staab
 Reade- Joyce Dinges
 Server - Grant Ginther

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Budgeted envelopes/offertory per week	\$20,900.00
Actual envelopes/offertory received 11/30/20-12/6/20	\$26,823.50
For this week, the collection is ahead (behind)	\$5,923.50
Budgeted envelopes/offertory thru 11/30/2020	\$452,833.38
Actual envelopes/offertory thru 11/30/2020	\$362,561.90
As of 11/30/2020 we are ahead (behind) budget for the fiscal year.	(\$90,271.48)

Sacrosanctum Concilium, The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, Vatican II, Series Part 23

CHAPTER III THE OTHER SACRAMENTS AND THE SACRAMENTALS

59. The purpose of the sacraments is to sanctify men, to build up the body of Christ, and, finally, to give worship to God; because they are signs they also instruct. They not only presuppose faith, but by words and objects they also nourish, strengthen, and express it; that is why they are called "sacraments of faith." They do indeed impart grace, but, in addition, the very act of celebrating them most effectively disposes the faithful to receive this grace in a fruitful manner, to worship God duly, and to practice charity. It is therefore of the highest importance that the faithful should easily understand the sacramental signs, and should frequent with great eagerness those sacraments which were instituted to nourish the Christian life.

60. Holy Mother Church has, moreover, instituted sacramentals. These are sacred signs which bear a resemblance to the sacraments: they signify effects, particularly of a spiritual kind, which are obtained through the Church's intercession. By them men are disposed to receive the chief effect of the sacraments, and various occasions in life are rendered holy.

61. Thus, for well-disposed members of the faithful, the liturgy of the sacraments and sacramentals sanctifies almost every event in their lives; they are given access to the stream of divine grace which flows from the paschal mystery of the passion, death, the resurrection of Christ, the font from which all sacraments and sacramentals draw their power. There is hardly any proper use of material things which cannot thus be directed toward the sanctification of men and the praise of God.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says in paragraph 1131, "The sacraments are efficacious signs of grace, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church, by which divine life is dispensed to us." They are part of the liturgy as each is dispensed through a liturgical ritual. The purpose of the ritual is to ensure unity among the Church, and the assurance the matter and form is correctly followed for the sacrament to take place. They give sanctifying grace which is needed to enter into eternal life. These paragraphs teach us that the sacraments not only impart grace but also instruct us in matters of faith. Each sacrament is administered in important events in our life sanctifying each of those moments and recalling our dependence upon God. We hope to order our lives around the sacraments in order to be properly disposed to the graces that bring about sanctification.

Announcement from Fr. Brian

Extra mass times have been added to encourage parishioners to social distance. Hand Sanitizer and masks will be available at the entrances. There will not be a Children's Pageant at the 5pm Mass this year. All Christmas masses will be held at St. Joseph Church, (No Campus Masses).

Mass times will be:

Christmas Eve: 5pm, 7pm, 9pm and Midnight


Christmas Day: 7:30am and 10:30am

New Years' Eve: 5 pm & 7 pm

New Year's Day: 9 am

We look forward to this beautiful season of Advent and to joyfully welcome you home for the Christmas season.

ST JOSEPH
ADVENT VESPERS
Sunday Evenings
7:00pm
ADORATION - CONFESSION - SUNG PRAYER



Step out of the busy world and place yourself in the presence of God

ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEWS

St. Joseph Pastoral Council will meet Monday, December 14th at 7:00pm in the Library Room on the Kennedy building, third floor. At 7:00 p.m.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Fall 2020 College Connection mailings! Through your donations and prayers we have supplied our ten students with a spiritual boost that we hope will carry them through the final couple of weeks of the semester. Your support is greatly appreciated.

St. Joseph Choir will begin Christmas prelude music at 11:30pm following with Mass at Midnight. The choir will sing the Convent Mass in Latin, Hodie Christus Natus Est, and various other traditional hymns.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

We have added a 9:00am Mass to our normal Sunday Mass Schedule. This is to allow for social distancing at the Masses. We are blessed to have parishioners desiring to Worship together, but we need to keep in mind the practice of social distancing.

Please Note: There is hand sanitizer and masks on the tables by the doors for you to use during Mass if you wish.

Wednesdays at 7:30pm
New members always welcome!



WORD AMONG US/MAGNIFICAT ISSUES

The December issue of the Word Among Us will be the last issue that our parish will receive. We will receive the Magnificat until June of 2021.

SACRED HEART ROOM is open during regular office hours. We have many religious articles for FREE, stop by and see what we have. We also take those religious items you no longer want or need.

Sacristans Needed

We are in need of sacristans to help with the weekend Masses, 5:00pm Saturday and 7:30am & 10:30am on Sundays. If you are interested in this parish ministry, please contact Kevin at the parish office. Thank you!

MEMORIAL CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

This year we would like to offer families the opportunity to donate \$30.00 for a poinsettia in memory of a loved one. Please place your \$30 donation in an envelope with a note in whose intention you would like to have listed on the flower pot. Donations and intentions will also be listed in the December 27th bulletin. This bulletin will have to go to the printer early, a week before Christmas, so please get your envelopes in early.

Your generosity is very much appreciated!



ST. JOSEPH'S WEEK IN A GLANCE: Dec. 13 - 19, 2020

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

SUN	13	MON	14	TUES	15	WED	16	THURS	17	FRI	18	SAT	19
<u>6:45-7:15am</u> Confessions - SJ <u>7:30am</u> Mass - SJ <u>9:00am - SJ</u> Mass - SJ <u>9:00am</u> Mass - CCC <u>9:45-10:15am</u> Confessions- SJ <u>10:30am</u> Mass - SJ <u>6:00pm</u> Mass - CCC		<u>6:30am</u> Mass - SJ <u>5:00pm</u> Confessions - C <u>5:45pm</u> Mass - C <u>7:00pm</u> Pastoral Council Mtg		<u>6:30am</u> Mass - SJ <u>5:00pm</u> Confessions - C <u>5:45pm</u> Mass - C <u>7:00pm</u> Fr. Brian's Time-line Bible Class - SJ		<u>6:30am</u> Mass - SJ <u>5:00pm</u> Confessions - SJ <u>5:00pm</u> Confessions - C <u>5:45pm</u> Mass - C <u>6:30am-7:30pm</u> RE CLASS- SJ <u>7:30pm</u> Choir Practice		<u>6:30am</u> Mass - SJ <u>5:00pm</u> Confessions - C <u>5:45pm</u> Mass - C		<u>6:30am</u> Mass - SJ <u>12:10pm</u> Mass - C		<u>8:00am</u> Mass - SJ <u>9:00am - Noon</u> SJ Food Pantry Kennedy Building <u>3:30pm</u> Confessions - SJ <u>5:00pm</u> Mass - SJ	

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Third Sunday of Advent

Did you ever stop and realize that there is no earthly gain that can ever really satisfy us? Think of winning the Lotto. On this side of the winning ticket, it's all about the money, the new car, house, vacations, bank accounts, and infinite pleasures. The possibility of acquiring all of these earthly securities brings us back again and again to the purchase of a ticket. Then, one day we win! Our dreams are fulfilled, and happiness is on the horizon. Then one day, we wake up and realize that nothing has really changed, and I am not as satisfied as I thought I was or would be. I find myself living in my incompleteness and with my profound sorrow and grief. I did not find joy.

Glimpses of joy are possible but not by material means. They are brought to us through incredible experiences of connection that bring us face to face with real and authentic faith, hope, and love. And, they are glimpses and do not last. The moment we find ourselves looking back at them, they are gone, and we find ourselves remembering the moment in memory. To carry joy within us is to realize that it is not something I create, manufacture or even acquire. It is not able to be purchased. It is a gift. My need for joy mirrors my need for eternity, for a Creator who has a claim on the very essence of who I am and desires a home within me. As C. S. Lewis discovered, joy is a surprise that speaks to my very soul and is given as gift by the God who loves me.

The beauty of Advent is found in discovering the beauty of the gift of joy. God has visited his people for no other reason than to show them where and how to find joy! All of our human and earthly joy experiences are always only glimpses. They never satisfy us, sustain us or fulfill us. It is only God who is the joy of my soul. Real, Divine experiences of joy catch us off guard, make us stop and become aware, bring a feeling of awe and rightness and have an eternal Otherness about them. Nothing created by humans can ever come close to this. We probably will not fully realize the truth of all of this until we actually meet God face to face in heaven one day. Then, in that sacred moment when our hearts leap for joy we will understand what we have been tirelessly searching for all along. Intense gratitude will most surely follow.

QUESTION & ANSWER

Obligation: Mass or Communion

Question: Are Catholics obligated to attend Mass each Sunday, or receive Communion each Sunday?

Answer: The questions about Mass attendance and the reception of Holy Communion are clearly outlined in what are traditionally called the "Precepts" of the Church. These specific teachings are intended to stand alongside the Ten Commandments as fundamental practices for Catholics and are outlined in the Code of Canon Law. The obligations related to Mass attendance and receiving Communion are outlined in the first and third precepts, which we find quoted in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (no. 2042):

The first precept ("You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor") requires the faithful to sanctify the day commemorating the Resurrection of the Lord as well as the principal liturgical feasts honoring the mysteries of the Lord, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the saints; in the first place, by participating in the Eucharistic celebration, in which the Christian community is gathered, and by resting from those works and activities which could impede such a sanctification of these days.

The third precept ("You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season") guarantees as a minimum the reception of the Lord's Body and Blood in connection with the Paschal feasts, the origin and center of the Christian liturgy.

Rather than seeing these as obligations that are simply to be fulfilled out of a sense of duty, Pope Saint John Paul II reminds us of the grace that is made available to us when we gather for Sunday celebrations of the Eucharist: "Sunday is the day which is at the very heart of the Christian life... Time given to Christ is never time lost, but is rather time gained, so that our relationships and indeed our whole life may become more profoundly human" (Dies Domini, no. 7).

2020 - Advent/Christmas Schedule - 2021

Our Lady Help of Christians - Antonino
St. Anthony - Schoenchen
St. Catherine - Catharine

St. Joseph - Hays
Immaculate Heart of Mary - Hays
St. Nicholas of Myra - Hays

St. Francis of Assisi - Munjor
Comeau Catholic Campus Center



December 13, 2020 - Third Sunday of Advent

IHM - Communal Penance Service - 3:00pm
St. Joseph Advent Vespers/Adoration/Confessions - 7:00pm

December 15, 2020 - Tuesday

Nicholas of Myra, Communal Penance Service, 7:00pm

December 16, 2020 - Wednesday

Munjor, Communal Penance Service, 7:00pm
IHM - Posadas - 7:00pm
St. Joseph - Confessions, 5:00pm

December 20, 2020 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

St. Joseph Advent Vespers/Adoration/Confessions - 7:00pm

December 23, 2020 - Wednesday

St. Joseph - Confessions, 5:00pm

December 24, 2020 - Thursday, Christmas Eve

Antonino - 4:00pm
IHM - 3:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm (Spanish), 10:00pm
IHM - No Morning Mass or Confessions
Munjor - 7:00pm
Schoenchen - 5:00pm
St. Joseph - 5:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm
St. Joseph - 11:30pm Choir Christmas Music, Mass at Mid-night
St. Nicholas of Myra - 5:00pm, 9:00pm

December 25, 2020 - Friday, - Christmas Day

IHM - 8:00am, 10:00am
IHM - NO 12pm or 6pm Masses or Confessions today.
Catharine - 9:00am
St. Joseph - 7:30am, 10:30am
St. Nicholas of Myra - 9:30am

December 26, 2020 - Saturday

IHM - NO 8:00am Daily Mass
St. Joseph - 5:00pm

December 27, 2020 - Sunday, 2020

St. Joseph - 7:30am & 10:30am

December 31, 2020 - Thursday - Solemnity of Mary (Vigil)

Antonino -
IHM - 5:30pm & 7:30pm (Spanish)
Schoenchen -
St. Joseph - 5:00pm & 7:00pm
St. Nicholas of Myra - 5:00pm

January 1, 2021 - Friday, Solemnity of Mary

IHM - 9:00am only
Munjor - 9:30am
St. Joseph - 9:00am
St. Nicholas of Myra - 8:00am



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The Amazing Truth of Our Lady of Guadalupe

By DAN LYNCH

Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared in Mexico as the pregnant Mother of God to Blessed Juan Diego, an Aztec Indian, on December 9, 10, and 12, 1531. She left a Miraculous Image of her appearance on his cactus fiber cloak, or "tilma", which still exists today for all to see in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City.

Our Lady came to offer faith, hope and consolation to the oppressed natives of Mexico and to reconcile them with their Spanish rulers. She put an end to the bloody human sacrifice of the Aztecs and converted ten million natives in the next 10 years!

After the conquest, the Spanish rule of the natives was so severe that a bloody revolt was imminent. Bishop Zummaraga prayed for Our Lady to intervene to prevent an uprising, to reconcile the Spanish and the natives and to bring peace. He asked that he would receive roses native to his homeland of Castile Spain as a sign that his prayer would be answered.

On December 9, 1531, Our Lady appeared to Blessed Juan Diego who was a recently converted Aztec. She asked him to go to the Bishop and request him to build a church for her on the barren hill of Tepeyac which is now part of Mexico City. Our Lady wanted to show her merciful love to all of her children. The prudent Bishop asked Juan to ask the Lady for a sign. Juan did so and Our Lady promised to give him the sign.

On December 12, Our Lady again appeared to Juan on Tepeyac Hill and told him to pick the Castilian roses which miraculously appeared there and bring them to the Bishop as a sign for him to believe her request. Juan gathered the roses into his tilma and brought them to the Bishop.

He opened the tilma to show them and, to everyone's



astonishment, the Image of Our Lady appeared on it. The Bishop then built the church as Our Lady had requested and ten million natives were converted and baptized to the one, true faith within the next 10 years. Human sacrifice ended in Mexico forever. Our Lady of Guadalupe, which means Crusher of the serpent's head, brought the light of the true faith, crushed the false gods of Mexico, and established an era of peace.

The Image of Our Lady is actually an Aztec Pictograph which was read and understood quickly by the Aztec Indians.

THE LADY STOOD IN FRONT OF THE SUN - She was greater than their dreaded sun-god "Huitzilopochtli". HER FOOT RESTED ON

THE CRESCENT MOON - She had clearly vanquished their foremost deity, the feather serpent "Quetzalcoatl".

THE STARS STREWN ACROSS THE MANTLE - She was greater than the stars of heaven which they worshipped. She was a virgin and the Queen of the heavens for Virgo rests over her womb and the northern crown upon her head. She appeared on December 12, 1531, for the stars that she wore are the constellation of stars that appeared in the sky that day!

THE BLUE&GREEN HUE OF HER MANTLE - She was a Queen for she wears the color of royalty.

THE BLACK CROSS ON THE BROOCH AT HER NECK - Her God was that of the Spanish Missionaries, Jesus Christ her son.

THE BLACK BELT - She was with child for she wore the Aztec Maternity Belt.

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THE FOUR-PETAL FLOWER OVER THE WOMB - She was the "Mother of God." The flower was a special symbol of life, movement and deity - the center of the universe.

HER HANDS ARE JOINED IN PRAYER - She was not God but clearly there was one greater than Her and she pointed her finger to the cross on her brooch.

THE DESIGN ON HER ROSE-COLORED GARMENT - She is the "Queen of the Earth," for she is wearing a map of Mexico telling the Indians exactly where the apparition took place.

The Image and Science

The image to this date, cannot be explained by science. The image shows no sign of deterioration after 450 years! The tilma or cloak of Juan Diego on which the image of Our Lady has been imprinted, is a coarse fabric made from the threads of the maguey cactus. This fiber disintegrates within 20-60 years!

There is no under-sketch, no sizing and no protective over-varnish on the image.

Microscopic examination revealed that there were no brush strokes.

The image seems to increase in size and change colors due to an unknown property of the surface and substance of which it is made.

According to Kodak of Mexico, the image is smooth and feels like a modern-day photograph. (It was produced 300 years before the invention of photography.) The image has consistently defied exact reproduction, whether by brush or camera.

Several images can be seen reflected in the eyes of the Virgin. It is believed to be the images of Juan Diego, Bishop Juan de Zummaraga, Juan Gonzales, the interpreter and others.

The distortion and place of the images are identical to what is produced in the normal eye which is impossible to obtain on a flat surface.

The stars on Our Lady's Mantle coincide with the constellation in the sky on December 12, 1531. All who have scientifically examined the image of Our Lady over the centuries confess that its properties are absolutely unique and so inexplicable in human terms that the image can only be supernatural!

ST. JOSEPH DIAPER CLOSET

Donations Needed: Disposable Diapers: Sizes 1-6, esp. the larger sizes, Baby Wipes: fragrance free, monetary donations. Donated items can be left in the Food Pantry barrels located in the Kennedy Building, doors 25 & 26, from **8:00am - 3:00pm**. Monetary gifts may be directed to St. Joseph - DIAPER CLOSET and mailed to the parish office or placed in the weekend collections. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

St. Joseph Faith Formation

St. Joseph Parish Faith Formation Calendar 20-21

Wed. Dec. 16	Class, 6:30 - 7:30pm
Wed. Dec. 23	NO CLASS - Christmas Break
Wed. Dec. 30	NO CLASS - Christmas Break
Wed. Jan. 6	Class, 6:30 - 7:30pm

FIRST RECONCILIATION & COMMUNION SCHEDULE

Sun. Dec. 13	First Reconciliation 1:00pm St. Joseph Church
Wed. Apr. 7	First Communion Retreat 6:30pm - 7:30 p.m. St. Joseph Church
Wed. Apr. 28	First Communion Practice 6:30 p.m. St. Joseph Church
Sun. May 2	First Communion Mass 10:30 a.m. St. Joseph Church

CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

Sun. Feb. 21	Confirmation Retreat 2:00 - 4:30pm
Sun. Feb. 21	Letter to Bishop and Confirmation Paperwork
Sat. Mar. 13	Confirmation Practice
Sun. Mar. 14	Confirmation Mass, 10:30a.m.



- Dec. 15 December Birthday for "B" Classes
- Dec. 17 December Birthday Lunch & Mass
For "A" Classes
Preschool & Kinderprep Christmas Fun
- Dec. 18 HALF DAY OF SCHOOL
Dismissal at 11:00 a.m.
No Service/After School Care
No Lunch Served
Classroom Christmas Celebrations
End of Qtr.2
- Dec. 21 - Jan 4 NO SCHOOL - Christmas Break

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: December 19th & January 2nd.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR DECEMBER: Ramen noodles, cereal and proteins!

We will follow social distancing and mask guidelines as directed by our city. Patrons are asked to park their cars and enter through the usual doors near the gym, however PLEASE do NOT get out of your vehicle before the doors open at 9am in order to follow guidelines. Patrons will be directed into the cafeteria where you will remain in a group with the people you came with in your vehicle. When all spaces are filled, you may be asked to wait outside until someone else leaves.

Thank you for your cooperation and patience!



Thankful for You!

We hope everyone had a happy Thanksgiving full of joy and gratitude for the blessings God has given. We are grateful for you and all you have done for TMP-Marian and Holy Family Elementary. Our Catholic schools could not be possible without your annual stewardship. We wish you a blessed and prayerful Advent season.

Music on Winter's Night - December 7th

UPDATE: We have needed to adapt a bit for the performances as the bands and choir will not be available. The evening will still be great with prayer, beautiful lights, hot chocolate, festive music and we still believe a special guest will be joining us at some point in the evening! Please arrive between 6:30 and 7:00, bundle up, wear a mask and enjoy this beautiful time of year!

St. Thomas More Society

We ask for your prayers and continued support for the St. Thomas More Society (STMS), the largest operational fund for TMP-Marian and Holy Family Elementary. Soon the annual campaign will arrive in homes and we pray that it will be met with generosity for the future of Catholic education. This year, the STMS is called upon to raise \$520,000. For questions or to contribute to the STMS, please contact Troy Ruda at ruda@tmpmarian.org.



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 **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. Place to be determined.

ORDER OF SECULAR FRANCISCANS

This group follows in the footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi and meets every third Sunday at the St. Joseph Church Conference Room 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 Web-site:

www.sfojuandepadilla.org.

PARISH CHOIR

The St. Joseph Parish Choir practices each Wednesday evening from 7:00pm - ~8:30pm

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.

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 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: stjoseph@stjoehays.com.

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

Bring your current membership card.

When school is in session.

CATHOLIC DISCIPLES

Wednesdays at 8:00 pm in the lounge when school is in session.

CAMPUS GOINGS ON.....

A LOOK AT THE WEEK....

- ♦ **Sun.** Dec. 13 - 9am Mass, 5pm Confession, 6pm Mass
- ♦ **Mon.** Nov. 14 - 5:00pm Confessions, 5:45pm Mass
- ♦ **Tues.** Nov. 15 - 5:00pm Confessions, 5:45pm Mass
- ♦ **Wed.** Nov. 16 - 5:00pm Confessions, 5:45pm Mass
Speakers - Dec. 2nd - Christmas Party
- ♦ **Thurs.** Nov. 17 - 5:00pm Confessions, 5:45pm Mass
- ♦ **Fri.** Nov. 18 - 5:00pm Confessions, 5:45pm Mass

First Sunday of each month....

COFFEE & DONUTS
Jan. 3rd following the 9:00am Mass!!
Come join us!!!



HEARTLAND NEWS

The PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL 1805 Vine - IHM Church

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

Time slots available:

Friday 1:00 am, 6:00am, 1:00pm, 10:00 pm
Saturday 5:00 pm, Saturday 6:00am, 11:00 pm.

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

In need of a birthday card or a sympathy card? Purchase homemade cards by benefiting our local Catholic Charities agency. Purchase anytime in the entrance area at the Adoration Chapel at IHM, as well as at Epworth Towers, Plaza Apartments and Wyndham Place. Suggested donation of .50 each.

St. Nicholas of Myra Blood Drive will be held on Monday, December 7th, from noon to 6pm, at St. Nicholas Parish Hall. Please contact the St. Nicks Parish Office at 628-1446, to make an appointment.

KMDG 105.7 on the air! Divine Mercy Radio has launched a new Hays Catholic radio station, 105.7, KMDG. If you would like a new bumper magnet to help spread the word and get others to tune in, they are available at Divine Mercy Radio's office, 108 E. 12th St. in Hays.



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