

## St. Joseph Catholic Church

215 West 13th - Hays, Ks. 67601

## Comeau Catholic Campus Center

506 W. 6th - Hays, Ks. 67601



#### Fourth Sunday of Easter May 12, 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 Masses - 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)

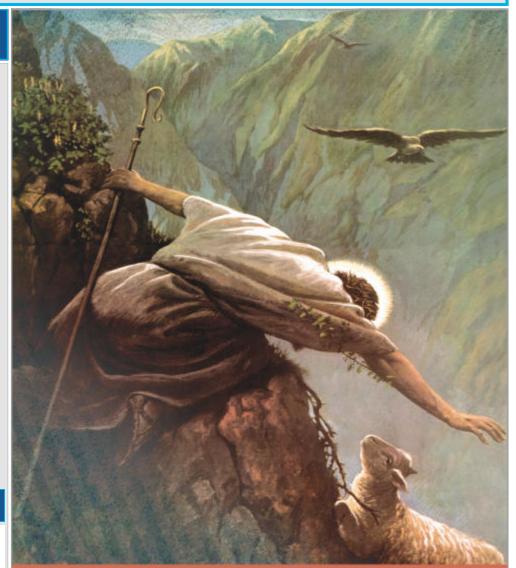
#### St. Joseph Parish Service Center

215 West 13th Street Hays, Kansas 67601

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





Jesus said: "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish."

- Jn 10:27-28a

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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, May 12, 2019 - Fourth Sunday of Easter Acts 13:14, 43-52/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30 Mother's Day

7:30 a.m. For the Parish

9:00 a.m. C L/D Mem Gene & Lil Jacobs Family

10:30 a.m. L/D Mem Lucius & Alfreda Schmidt Family

Liturgy for Little Ones

6:00 p.m. +Steve Barnes

#### Monday, May 13, 2019 - Our Lady of Fatima

Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:1-10

6:30 a.m. L/D Mem Tom & Therese (Engel) Haas Family

NO MASS TODAY AT CAMPUS

#### Tuesday, May 14, 2019 - St. Matthias Apostle

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17

6:30 a.m. +Arleen A. Wittman

5:45 p.m. C Darrin & Michael Thornbrugh

#### Wednesday, May 15, 2019 - St. Isidore Acts 12:24-13:5a/Jn 12:44-50

6:30 a.m. L/D Mem Frank J. Dreiling Family

5:45 p.m. C +Roman Zimmerman

#### **Thursday, May 16, 2019**

Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20

6:30 a.m. +David Hertel

5:45 p.m. C L/D Mem Robert & Ila Ruder Family

#### Friday, May 17, 2019

Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6

6:30 a.m. L/D Mem Lawrence & Elizabeth Weigel Family

#### Saturday, May 18, 2019 - St. John I, Pope & Martyr Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14

3:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:00 p.m. +Irma Herl

#### Sunday, May 19, 2019 - Fifth Sunday of Easter Acts 14:21-27/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

7:30 a.m. +Mary Ann Gabel 9:00 a.m. C +Steve Barnes

10:30 a.m. For St. Joseph Parish

Liturgy for Little Ones

12:00 p.m. For IHM Parish +Rose Schuvie



Saint Michael the Archangel, Defend us in battle, be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into Hell Satan and the other evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking for the ruin of souls. Amen



1200	OLPi						
	5:00 p.m. Mass Sat. May 18	7:30 a.m. Mass Sun. May 19	10:30 a.m. Mass Sun, May 19				
Sacristan	Sherry Feltis	Doug Marsell	Shirley Dinkel				
Altar Server	Sam Allen Gilda Allen Ryan Stoecklein JP Wasinger	Ryan Richmeier Kyzer Fox Izaac Fox	Emery Spray Carson Spray Allison Weber Patrick Weber				
Readers	Laura Allen Doug Ginther	Bill Dowling Anthony Walters	Edna Giebler Sub Needed				
EM	Michelle Beyer Martha Brungardt Melissa Ginther Jim Walters Michele Flax Tim Flax	Donna Augustine Kevin Augustine Gary Feltis Jim Mall Allen Schmidt Angie Sack	Barb Beran Andy Mattison Joyce Mattison Troy Haas Brenda Thyfault Vicky Walker Mike Gnad Laytha Gnad				
ЕМ НВ		Alan Leiker Liz Schmeidler	Mike Gnad Troy Haas				
Cantor	Tony Dreiling	Liz Schmeidler	Abby Staab				
Greeters	Michelle Rounsley	Allen & Ellen Lucas & Lacey Schmidt Dreiling					
Usher	Jim Fieler Erica Haas Lawrence Kreutzer Robin Wasinger	Bruce Goetz Leon Richmeier Jeff Sack Zach Stadelman	Mark Herl Wilbert Pfeifer Doug Ptacek Eric Augustine				
Gifts	Mike & Lori Hertel	Ed & Donna Stehno	Dane & Kayla Lonnon				



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS** for the annual parish picnic and also a time to say goodbyes and wish Fr. Fred and Fr. Tony well on their new assignments.

WHEN - Saturday, June 22nd

**TIME** - Following the 5:00 p.m. Mass

WHERE - Grotto area

Be sure to watch the bulletin for more information.

In case of rain the picnic will be moved inside the parish school cafeteria.

Come and say your good-bys to Fr. Fred, Fr. Tony and the "pups".



# Pastor's Notes "These Are the Ones Who Have Survived the Time of Great Distress"

Fr. Fred Gatschet

One of the biggest mistakes any of us can make is to assume that we are somehow unique in facing uncertainties, injustices, betrayals, and suffering. Sadly, these are all part of the human condition and will never change.

St. John wrote his Book of Revelation as a beacon of hope for the ancient Christians who were suffering persecutions for the sake of their belief in Jesus as the Son of God. Anyone who would take upon himself the task of reading the Book of Revelation with the intention of looking for hope on every page would not be disappointed.

We will explore this idea a little more next week as well. But the bottom line is that God has never been welcome in His own creation. The devil was able to tempt Adam and Eve by appealing to their pride and promising them that they could go their own way and do things their way. That was the great attraction of the forbidden fruit.

If God is not welcome in His own creation then clearly neither is anyone who would be His representative. Jesus names this directly in the Last Supper Discourse in the Gospel of St. John 15:18-20: "If the world hates you, be aware that it hated me before it hated you. If you belonged to the world, the world would love you as its own. Because you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world—therefore the world hates you."

St. John refers to the disease that the believer has in the world as "hatred" in the Gospel and "the great distress" in the Book of Revelation. It takes many forms. Many people have come to loathe the holidays because of one or two family members who have embraced the world's rebellion against God. They know that if they try to stand up for life and/or for marriage and family as instituted by God, conflict will ensue. Others know that at work, especially in the health care fields and in academia, if they challenge the *status quo* their very jobs can be threatened.

So what are we to do? On the one hand, there is no point in picking a fight just to pick a fight. That only generates more heat than light. At the same time, remember the last of the Beatitudes, "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

It is indeed difficult, demoralizing, and disappointing to have to stand by and watch so much dishonesty and double standards thrown at us by the world. Our two consolations are (1) this is not new. From Old Testament times to today, those who have striven to do God's will have always paid a price. Secondly, we know that if we find ourselves in a tough situation we at least know we have done what is right and have fulfilled God's will.

## "What Is a Practicing Catholic?" Fr. Fred Gatschet

Sometimes it is necessary to re-visit basic presuppositions since what "everybody just knows" is not always as clear as we might think or wish.

To begin, a Practicing Catholic practices the faith. That means they attend Mass on Sundays and Holydays of Obligation. They participate in the Sacramental life of the Church by receiving the Eucharist and going to confession regularly. They pray regularly (Rosary, read Scripture, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, etc.). These items are basic. No one can call him/herself a Practicing Catholic without embracing these aspects of the faith.

Furthermore, they receive good Catholic reading material in their homes (The *Register*, *Our Sunday Visitor*, *The National Catholic Register*, *The Word Among Us, Magnificat, etc.*) and try to keep up on the truth of the faith instead of relying on biased and bigoted reports from the secular media. They participate in the life of the parish by volunteering to be on committees and commissions, helping at Mass by reading, helping distribute Holy Communion, ushering, etc. They come to parish activities such as the Thanksgiving Dinner, the Lenten Soup and Bread Suppers, helping decorate the Church for the various celebrations such as Christmas and Easter. There are many things too numerous to list here. While the things in the first paragraph are basic and really non-negotiable, people can and do pick and choose from the items in this second paragraph.

So why all this now? Again, sometimes what we assume is common knowledge is not as common as we first thought. We need to have a universally agreed upon definition of what it means to be a Practicing Catholic, especially when people approach the parish wanting to receive the Sacrament of Matrimony or desiring to be baptismal godparents or Confirmation sponsors.

While space does not allow, suffice it to say for now that many people have no clue as to what it means to be a Practicing Catholic. It is not uncommon for people to want to be sponsors, god parents, or to receive other Sacraments who do not practice the faith at all. They simply see it as a function to stand in front of the church at a Baptism or wedding, and go to a party afterwards with no past practice or future intention of practicing the faith. This only serves to weaken the parish and the Church in general.

Serving as a sponsor or godparent is an opportunity to reaffirm one's own faith and share it with others. This can only happen if said sponsor has faith to affirm and share in the first place.

## St. Joseph Parish Welcomes the Hays Hispanic Community

At 12:00 noon on Sunday, May 19th, Fr. Fred will celebrate the Spanish Mass here at St. Joseph Parish. Thomas More Prep-Marian is having the annual graduation Mass at Immaculate Heart at 11:30 am on that day. Since the Spanish Mass is always at noon, like last year, we are having the Spanish Mass here so that TMP can use IHM for the graduation Mass.

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**HOLY FAMILY BUCKS** will be available the weekend of May 18/19, 2019

### ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEWS

#### HAYS HIGH/TMP-M GRADUATES

The Mass honoring our graduates which was set for next Sunday, May 12th has been cancelled due to scheduling conflicts.

There will be NO 5:45 p.m. Mass at the Campus Center on Monday, May 13th.

**The May PASTORAL COUNCIL** meeting is set for Monday May 13th at 5:30 p.m. in the parish office. Please use the east door. Newly elected council members are encouraged to attend this meeting.

Catholic Charities of Northwestern Kansas will be conducting their 8th Annual Baby Bottle Campaign. Bottles picked up here at the church the weekend of May 4-5 may be returned the weekend of June 22-23rd.

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#### FIRST MASS CELEBRATION & RECEPTION

On Sunday, June 2, 2019, soon to be Fr. Michael Leiker, will celebrate his first Mass at St. Joseph Church at 10:30 a.m. Please help us celebrate the ordination of one of St. Joseph's sons to the priesthood by joining us for Mass followed by a reception in the St. Joseph School (Kennedy Building) cafeteria. Deacon Michael will be ordained on Saturday, June 1st at the Sacred Heart Cathedral in Salina.



## St. Joseph Cemetery News

**St. Joseph Cemetery** maintenance staff will be preparing the cemetery for Memorial Day, beginning on Tuesday, May 14th. We ask that you remove any floral arrangements or decorations that you wish to keep, with the exception of those in containers or vases attached to the



monument by Monday, May 13th. Items not picked up which interfere with the mowing and trimming will be removed and disposed of by the cemetery staff. Your cooperation will be appreciated!

ST. JOSEPH'S WEEK IN A GLANCE: May 12 - 18, 2019 C = Catholic Campus Center; KB=Kennedy Building; PO = Parish Office; SJ=St. Joe Chu							
SUN	12	MON 13	TUES 14	WED 15	THURS 16	FRI 17	SAT 18
7:30am Mass - SJ 9:00am		<u><b>6:30am</b></u> Mass - SJ	<u><b>6:30am</b></u> Mass - SJ	6:30am Mass - SJ	<u>6:30am</u> Mass - SJ	6:30am Mass - SJ	Food Pantry Open 9:00am - Noon
Mass - CCC <u>10:30am</u> Mass - SJ		<u>5:30am</u> Pastoral Council Mtg.					3:30pm Confessions - SJ
6:00pm Mass - CCC		NO MASS AT THE CAMPUS TODAY	<u>5:45pm</u> Mass - C	<u>5:45pm</u> Mass - C	<u>5:45pm</u> Mass - C		<u>5:00pm</u> Mass - <b>SJ</b>
				7:30pm Choir Practice			

#### STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE

Budgeted envelopes/offertory per week \$22,630.00

Actual envelopes/offertory received **04/29/19 - 05/05/19** \$23,836.58

Budgeted envelopes/offertory year to date: \$995,720.00

Actual envelopes/offertory year to date: \$925,196.99

As of 05/05/2019 we are ahead (behind) budget YTD (\$70,523.01)

#### **Additional Information**

Rice Bowl Collection - \$1.128.04

#### **Collection Team Schedule**

May 12 - Kevin & Joyce Rupp May 19 - Brett & Erica Bittel May 26 - Tom Drees & Tony Dreiling

#### MASS MINUTE....

Did you know that during the holy Mass the mystery of the incarnation is relived? In the words of Saint John Damascene, "The Holy Spirit overshadows the priest and operates in the elements which He effected in the womb of the Virgin Mary." Christ performs a great miracle in every Mass as he did when he became man more than 2000 years ago. No wonder we bow profoundly during the Profession of Faith when we say, "and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man."

This Mass Minute is brought to you by Divine Mercy Radio.

#### RICE BOWLS

You still have time to turn in your Rice Bowls this coming week so that we may send the money to the Diocese. Please drop these off at the parish office, this includes the CAMPUS CENTER.



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

Perhaps those items that belonged to your parents that you no longer know what to do with. These items, statues, rosaries, religious reading, candles, scapulars, CD's, etc, are placed in this room to share with others. Those items such as palms and broken items are disposed of in a respectful manner. You may also bring in your old palms!

Stop by and bring some unwanted items and ssee what treasures we have to offer!

## Sacraments and other 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, <a href="https://www.stj-church.com">www.stj-church.com</a> 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. Please state how you would like your intention forwarded to the prayer chain.

## PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

#### DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

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

The next monthly Daughters of Isabella meeting is May 14, 7:00 p.m. in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Activity Center. There will be a short presentation by Jeanne Riedel on Senior Community Care. Members are also reminded of the upcoming mass and breakfast at Immaculate Heart of Mary on June 2, 8:00 a.m. Congratulations to our Daughter of the Year, Jackie Skolout, who will be honored at the breakfast along with 25 and 50 year members.

#### 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 SHARING GROUP

Beginning April 27, we will meet Saturday mornings from 7:30am to 8:30 a,m. in the large conference room at St, Joseph parish offices. Park in the parking lot between the old school building and the parish offices. Please enter through the top east door. Women are invited to just drop in or come join us weekly.

Saint Louis de Mantfort says: "Mary is the quickest, shortest, and easiest path to Jesus."



Devotion to the Blessed Mother is important for the salvation and sanctification of everyone, but it is especially crucial for our youth to be accustomed to giving her their love, honor and service, and to learn how to imitate her virtues. Children, teenagers and young adults alike, should be taught the significance that Marian devotion should have in every aspect of their lives.

### May is the Month of Mary

St. Louis Marie Grignion de Montfort in his classic, True Devotion to Mary, wrote, "All true children of God have God for their father and Mary for their mother." Children, even more so than adults, find it natural to look with confidence to their mother, to entrust themselves to her, and to confide all their cares, worries and troubles to her maternal solicitude. One of the greatest tragedies of our day is the large number of children who have never known the Blessed Mother and who have never even had the opportunity of learning that they have a loving Mother in Heaven to whom they can go with all their daily concerns. If children grow up knowing Our Lady, cultivating the habit of flying to her arms for refuge, and striving to imitate her holiness of life, they will lay a secure foundation upon which they can build the rest of their lives.

For more info visit https://www.catholiccom.pany.com/getfed/imitating-marys-10-amazing-virtues-6169

#### Let us learn the ten amazing VIRTUES of Mary and beg Our Lady for the grace to put them into practice.

ARDENTCHARITY: Every action that Mary performed for those around her was done out of love for the Lord. Be like the Blessed Mother and take on the disposition of love for those around you by bringing Jesus to them, the true and perfect lover.

PROFOUND HUMILITY: Mary perfectly conformed herself to God's Will. She saw herself as God saw her: nothing more, nothing less.

See yourself as God sees you! Accept compliments gracefully and quietly, and don't be embarrassed to have made mistakes in front of others.

UNIVERSAL MORTIFICATION: Mary died to herself from the moment she said, "Not my will but Yours be done." She continued this throughout her entire life, continually dying to herself and totally uniting herself to her Son.

Make sacrifices and offer them up for the great good of someone else.

CONSTANT MENTAL PRAYER: Mary's entire life was a prayer, due to her constantly placing herself in the presence of the Lord, every moment of her life.

Praise God. Make time for silence, for thanking Him, and for asking help to do His Will. Bring Christ into every little thing, of fering up all your thoughts, words, actions, joys, and sorrows.

BLIND OBEDIENCE. Mary was able to confidently give her fiat at the moment of the Annunciation, and also in every circumstance after that.

We can believe and trust that God's plan for us is good and loving. This is really hard, especially at times when life is uncertain, but you are not alone in the chaos. He is right there with you.

DIVINE WISDOM: Mary was able to see the beauty of God's will in every moment. She didn't run to others first; she always conversed with the Lord first, so that she could embrace His Will.

Ask the Holy Spirit for the wisdom to see things through the eyes of Christ and not your own. Ask Our Lady, Seat of Wisdom, to pray for you!

SURPASSING PURITY: Everything in Mary was of God. Her mind and heart were pure. She lived her life with unity of purpose, seeking only to love and honor with all her heart, all her mind, and all her soul.

Live a life full of prayer and frequent the Sacraments. Strive to keep your mind pure and focused on heavenly things instead of things of this world.

ANGELIC SWEETNESS: Mary radiated joy and peace to everyone she encountered.

We can open our hearts to the grace that is available to us, show gratitude for God's blessings. We can smile, and be kind, friendly, and sensitive towards others needs—putting their needs before our own.

LIVELY FAITH: Mary completely submitted herself to God in an energetic way. She joy fully surrendered herself to the Lord.

Faith is a gift from God! To receive a gift, we must be in communion with the Giver. Choose to trust Him and practice receiving His gifts with humble, open palms.

HEROIC PATIENCE: Mary gave her fiat, her "yes" to Christ. Mary's patience culminated at the foot of her Son's cross, where she truly became a martyr through her patient and complete suffering in union with Christ...

Unite your sufferings with the sufferings of Our Lord and Our Lady of Sorrows. Pray for the gift of perseverance and cultivate slience in your life and in your heart.

Living the virtues of Mary may seem overwhelming. Don't get discouraged. With your family, choose one virtue at a time; maybe it's one that you really feel drawn to or just one that you all really struggle with. One of the greatest things about Mary is that she is not just someone from history; she is still our Mother today and she is always praying for us, supporting us, and leading us closer to her Son. She is with you every step of the way, call upon her, ask her for guidance and encouragement.

## Immaculate Heart of Mary Church



8th Annual Catholic Men's Conference Men's 2019

**Pete Burak** 

Graduate of Franciscan University of Steubenville, former University of Michigan basketball player, Director of a Catholic Outreach Program- i.d.9:16, and Co-director of Pine Hills Boys Camp, Michigan



**Peter Herbeck** 

Saturday

Rugust

10th

8 RM – 4PM

Vice President and director of missions for Renewal Ministries. Co-host of EWTN's The Choices We Face and Crossing the Goal and host of radio show Fire on the Earth

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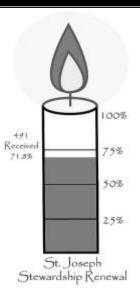
Register online beginning April 1st C salinadiocese.org

#### **STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL FORMS**

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

As of April 30, out of the 684 stewardship renewal forms that were sent out in January, <u>491</u> have been returned, which is <u>71.8%</u> of the parish.

A third mailing went out recently to those who have not returned their forms.



PARENTS - you are reminded that you need to return both forms to the parish office in order to enroll your child for the next school year.

#### **GOSPEL REFLECTION**

We all face obstacles in life. Perhaps it's a lost job, the death of a loved one, a sudden accident that places an unexpected dent in our finances. Sometimes the challenges are of our own making. Perhaps we've developed patterns of sin in our personal lives or our family relationships. We've all felt the jolting shock of, "This is all my fault." How do these things affect our relationship with God? Or, perhaps more poignantly, how do we now view God's relationship to us?

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus' words to us are encouraging ones. "No one can take them out of my hand." Did you catch that? In case you didn't, Jesus reemphasizes the point again a few verses later. "My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father's hand." God's grip of providential care and mercy is so strong that nothing can separate us. We might think things take us out of God's hand - life circumstances, tragedy, our lukewarm attitudes towards faith - but Jesus tells us otherwise. Nothing, no one, can take us out of the Father's hand, and we can't take ourselves out! We can't remove ourselves from Him, not entirely. Even when grievous sin hardens us to grace, His love is still sustaining us in existence. And His mercy is always awaiting our repentance.

"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish." This Sunday, let us heed the voice of the Good Shepherd. Whatever we feel might take us from God's hand, we can turn back to Him. God is always inviting us to follow Him and to trust in His care and be sustained by His hand.

#### **EVERYDAY STEWARSHIP**

When I was little, I would always cling to the same routine each night before going to bed. I would say to my parents, "Good night." They would respond, "Good night." I then would say, "See you tomorrow, okay?" I would await their response, and if they did not respond, I would say it again louder, "See you tomorrow, okay?" I somehow felt that if they did not assure me that I would see them tomorrow, it would possibly not happen. What would happen to me if I awoke and no one was there? It seems silly now, but to a small boy, it was very serious.

In our lives, many of us have somehow bought into the notion that there is so much in the world that can take us away from God. We believe that worldly values, immorality, or evil itself can take us away from God's love and protection. But there are few greater lies than this. The reality is that if we find ourselves far away from God, the only force that carried us away was our own choir.

In John's Gospel, Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me...No one can take them out of my hand." Yes, we are tempted at every side, but no temptation can take us away from him. Unfortunately, sometimes after initial choices, we find ourselves in addiction or dependency, making our reconciliation with God impossible without the help of friends and loved ones. But make no mistake, no one or nothing can take those who are His sheep away from God.

When you think about this, you realize the importance of your actions. The power of your stewardship is great, because by utilizing your gifts, you determine if you will draw closer to or wander away from God. The world can't do that. The devil can't do that, nor can the wishful words of a little boy in the night.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

#### 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 May 18th and June 4th.
- Item of the month FRUITS, 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 <a href="https://stjchurch.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunitiesSt.JosephFoodPantry">https://stjchurch.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunitiesSt.JosephFoodPantry</a>
- ◆ To volunteer to help at the St. Joseph Food Pantry contact Renee Michaud at 785-628-8434 or michauds@ruraltel.net

## ST. JOSEPH CYO ACTIVITIES

#### PRAYER & ACTION 2019

"Prayer in action is love, love in action is service." — Mother Teresa

We are taking applications for the 2019 Prayer and Action summer mission project! A mission trip in your own backyard full of fun, fellowship, service, and amazing worship/prayer!

Check out the link below for access to forms and the video from Prayer and Action 2018.......

https://salina diocese.org/youth-ministry/2014-front-page-box-stories-2/2964-prayer-and-action-2015

When: Sunday June 23rd – Friday June 28th

Where: Colby KS

High School Forms for each Youth: Forms B, C, D, HIPAA,

**Photo Waiver** 

Fee: \$70.00 payable to St. Joseph Church

\*\*\*Please let us know this week (by May 3<sup>rd</sup>), complete forms and non-refundable registration fee if you would like to attend!!



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### St. Joseph Seminarians

Please keep in your prayers



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

Michael will be ordained in June 1, 2019 in Salina His First Mass will be Sunday, June 2, 2019, 10:30am - St. Joseph Kade is a Pre-Theology I

**Please Pray For Vocations** 

#### HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

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

May 6 Preschool Fun Day

May 7 2nd Gr. 1st Com. Recognition at Mass, 8:00am

May 8 Kindergarten Field Trip to Rolling Hills Zoo

May 9 Mother's Mass & Altar Server Recognition, 8:00am

May 13 Field Day

Preschool Graduations: PA 9am/PB 1pm in LT

Holy Family is looking for a new team member to help with the maintenance and care of our school building after school hours. This person is responsible for helping create a safe and clean learning environment for students. A successful candidate will be dependable and reliable, take initiative and complete all tasks without direct supervision, willing to listen to the needs of others, and a valuable team member. Successful candidates are mobile, can lift heavy items (40-50 lbs), and can physically complete tasks related to cleaning and maintenance.

Hours will be approximately 15-20 hours per week during the school year with additional hours possible during the summer months. Hourly wage will be determined based on experience.

Applications are available in the main office of the school--hours are Monday-Friday 7:30 am to 4:00 pm. Questions can be directed at Rachel Wentling through email at <a href="mailto:rwentling@hfehays.org">rwentling@hfehays.org</a> or by phone 785-625-3131.

#### THOMAS MORE-PREP MARIAN

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

The end of the school year is fast approaching which means Holy Family Elementary and TMP-Marian are reaching the end of their fiscal year as well. This time of year is when the budget is being established for the next year. The St. Thomas More Society) remains the second largest contributor to the balancing of this

budget... a budget that provides raises for teachers and staff and provides enrichment of our curriculum and activities. Even though the year is winding down, you can still make a huge difference by contributing to the STMS before June 30th. Thank you for all you do for your Catholic schools.

Amount Received/Pledged to Date: \$612,142.99

Additional Needed by 6/30: \$87,857.91

Percent short of Goal: 12.55%

Contact Troy Ruda in the Advancement office to contribute to the STMS or donate online at tmp-m.org/donate

Mark your calendar:

May 14 - Junior High Last Day

May 15 - High School Last Day

May 19 - Baccalaureate Mass at 11:30am/Graduation at 2:00pm

### **CAMPUS CENTER NEWS**

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#### **Catholic Disciples President**

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#### **Crossroads Retreat Director**

Hannah Heinz

#### Maintenance

Ken Miller

#### **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.

#### Comeau Campus Center



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

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

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#### Final Exams and Final Good Byes...

It has been another fantastic year at the Campus Center and there are many people to whom much gratitude is owed. Many thanks to all who worked so hard this year to make Jesus a living Presence to all our Campus Center Crew! For the coming week...

- The kitchen will be well stocked as always with goodies to help you get through finals. Stop in to get a bite, say a prayer, and keep pushing through your tests.
- By this time next week the finals will be done, graduation will be over, and our graduating students will be off to their futures in the world. As we say good bye to you, be assured of our prayers and do stop by and visit us when you are back in HaysAmerica.
- For those returning next fall, have a great summer and we will look forward to seeing you in August.
- ◆ There is no Adoration during Finals Week (May 14-15).

#### For the Summer:

- +The last 5:45pm Mass for the semester is Thursday, May 16. Daily Mass will resume on Tuesday, August 20.
- +Sunday Masses are the usual times of 9:00am and 6:00om.
- +The building will be open daily from 5:00am until 10:00pm.

## Have a great summer!!!

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

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

#### FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Collection of.... May 5, 2019 - \$2,160.00

Consider this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sow bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each m ust 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

#### 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 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

Sunday

12:00pm - 1:00pm

Saturday

10:00pm - 11:00pm

**Knots of Love Ministry** meets the last Sunday of the month at 3:00 p.m. at the Via Christi Chapel. For more information contact Lisa Gabel at 639-4322.

The **Midwest Catholic Family Conference** will be held Aug. 2 – 4, at the Century II Convention Center in Wichita. For more info go to catholicfamilyconference.org.

**ST. ISIDORE'S DAY** will be observed on May 15, 2019, at Sacred Heart parish in Plainville, KS. We will gather at Sacred Heart in Plainville at 1:00 P.M. for Mass with Bishop Vincke.

We are planning a Rosary back at Sacred Heart and then a delicious supper will be at 5:30 P.M. I hope to see all of you on May 15TH.

**RURAL LIFE DAY** will be at St. Frances Cabrini Parish in Hoxie, KS, Sunday, August 18. 2019. We will begin at 3:00 P.M. with an opening prayer. Families in your parish who qualify for the Century Farm Award may apply by filling the application found on the Diocesan Website under Rural Life. We would appreciate the application submitted by August 1st, 2018.

2019 Ellis County Relay For Life invites all Survivors, Care Givers. Family, Friends, and Neighbors to "Rockin The Bricks".

**Date**: June 7, 2019 **Time**: 6:30pm - 11:00pm

Where: Downtown Hays Pavilion at 10th & Main

What: Free Elvis Concert

**Activities**: The Traditional Survivor Lap/Photo, Taco Shop Tacos, Massages, Silent Basket Auction, Great Music, and of course Luminaria Lighting with Reading of Names.

For more information call 785-623-1971 or 785-623-9553,

The Good Samaritan Society in Hays is looking for volunteers (on occasion or regular volunteers) to help call bingo, play music, play board games, play cards, or just come and sit and talk with our residents. If interested, contact Natalie Morris at 785-625-7331 or email nmorris2@good-sam.com

Vacation Bible School registrations opens to all parishes on Monday, May 12th. Please check the IHM website <a href="https://www.ihm-church.com">www.ihm-church.com</a> where you will find the registration form and 2 other forms to register your child or you can stop by the IHM parish office to register. Registration deadline is on Friday May 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm. VBS runs from Sunday, June 2<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm to 8:00pm. Registration is \$10.00 per child. Please Note: Participants must be 4 years old by June 1, 2019 and not older than going into 1st grade Fall 2019. For any question you may call the IHM parish office at 625-7339.







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