



ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 2025

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT



Jesus said to them in reply, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!" - Lk 13:2-3

Parish Information

St. Joseph Mass Times

Saturday: 5:00pm (Vigil)
Sunday: 7:30am & 10:30am
Monday - Friday: 6:30am
Holy Days Masses: See bulletin

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confession: Sat. 3:30pm - 4:30pm
Sun. 6:45-7:15am / 9:30-10:15am
Monday - Friday 7:00am - 7:30am

Devotions

Rosary before each Mass.
Adoration - 3rd Thurs. 7:00am-7:00pm

Prayer Chain

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Bulletin Submissions

Items for the Sunday bulletin must be in the parish office by **Noon** Monday before the Sunday requested.

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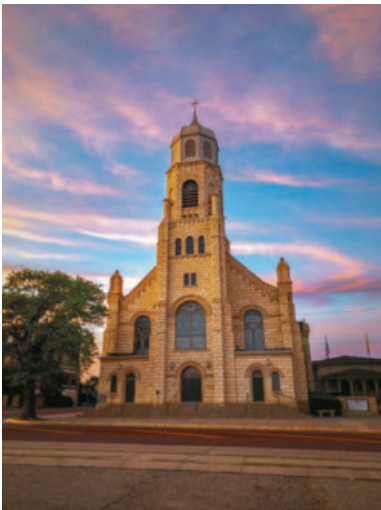
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Parish Bulletin

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MARRIAGE

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BAPTISM

Please contact the St. Joseph Parish Office at 785-625-7356 to schedule a baptism.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the St. Joseph Parish Office to make an appointment, 785-625-7356.

HOSPITAL VISITS

If you have a loved one in the hospital please be sure to contact the St. Joseph Parish Office.

Cemetery Information

St. Joseph Parish maintains the cemeteries of St. Joseph, at the intersection of 26th & Oak Streets, and St. Michael the Archangel, located at the northeast corner of the 240th Ave. and Mount Pleasant intersection. Questions regarding the cemetery or purchasing plots may be directed to Ann Pfeifer, St. Joseph Business office, at..... stjoffice@stjoehays.com or 785-625-7356.



If you would like to search the cemeteries for burials, you may scan one of the QR codes below to access the burial records.

St. Joseph



St. Michael





Pastor's Comments

BY FR. FRED GATSCHET

What is our “Burning Bush?”

Two great events from the Bible, one from the Old Testament and one from the New Testament deserve some attention today: Moses at the Burning Bush and the Conversion of St. Paul.

We may be tempted to look at these events and think that somehow we are being shorted or cheated by God. After all, if God would just appear to us in some kind of magnificent manifestation like He did with Moses at the Burning Bush, we might not like to hear what He has to say (like Moses didn't!) but at least there would be no more mystery or ambiguity. We would know what God wanted of us and it would just be a question as to whether or not we were going to fulfill His will.

We could say the same about St. Paul. If Jesus would appear in a flash of blinding light and speak in a clear human voice as He did to St. Paul, again we would find ourselves knowing exactly what our Blessed Lord wants from us and it would only be a question of us doing or not doing what He asked.

But there is an aspect of these two events that we overlook. Moses had been struggling as to how to reconcile his being a son of Israel with being the adopted grandson of Pharaoh. He fled Egypt in fear and had started a new life in Midian, but no doubt spent a lot of time and effort trying to find his place in the world and in God's plan. The Burning Bush was the answer to all of that prayer and contemplation. Had Moses never engaged in the search, there would have likely been no Burning Bush. St. Paul, likewise no doubt spent a lot of time begging God to show him how to fulfill the Divine Will. On the way to Damascus, God essentially said, “OK Saul, you asked for it. Here it comes!”

The point is that it seems highly unlikely that the Burning Bush and Jesus' self-revelation to St. Paul on the Road to Damascus would have happened had these two men not been engaged in a gut-wrenching search for God in their lives in the first place. How many “Burning Bushes” have we just walked by and failed to recognize them, and how often is the Voice of Jesus muted because we are needlessly distracted by superfluous things that add no value to our lives or by being “too busy?” The great French Mathematician and Philosopher Blaise Pascal once said, “God remains sufficiently hidden that those who never search for Him will never find Him, but those who engage in the search will never be disappointed.”

Gospel Meditations

My childhood best friend was Xander Price. He was the fastest runner in school, an excellent baseball player and Jewish. Though his family wasn't intensely religious, I felt totally at home with them despite our religious differences. Everything about their Judaism seemed to undergird and strengthen my own experience of being a Catholic. I knew they didn't believe in Jesus like my family did, but I intuited somehow that Jesus was “hiding” in their religion. Like a cat moving under a blanket, ready to emerge at any moment, the Lord was hidden there in a special way.

In the Gospel for this third Sunday of Lent, Jesus says, “For if you had believed Moses, you would have believed me, for he wrote of me” (John 5:46). Stunning words, those. Moses wrote about Jesus. The way therefore that we come to know and believe in Jesus is to discover him lurking in Moses' writings. The Hebrew Scripture is the wonderful womb in which Jesus gestates within a host of images: Adam, Isaac, David, Melchizedek, the Temple, sacrificed lambs, prophets and so on. Right now, in your parish's OCIA program, soon-to-be baptized people are carefully studying where Jesus is in the writings of Moses, so that they may believe in him. This works for all of us, too, who wish to deepen our knowledge and love of Jesus.

Lenten challenge: Take some time to prayerfully study one of the images of Jesus listed above in the Old Testament. Identify which one you find compelling and consider why this is so. If you don't know where to start, begin with the prophet Jeremiah as an image of Jesus.

— Father John Muir

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Stewardship of Treasure

Weekly Budgeted Goal:	\$20,750.00
Mar. 10. - Mar. 16, 2025 received:	\$20,060.00
Ahead / Behind budgeted Amount:	(\$690.00)
Budgeted Offertory thru Feb, 2025:	\$719,333.34
Actual received as of Jan. 2025:	\$690,656.95
As of Feb. 28, 2025 we are ahead/ <u>behind</u> :	(\$28,67639)

Collection Team Schedule

- 3/23 - Sharyl B., Vicky W., Darrin/Trinity A.
- 3/30 - Karen/Brad K., Bobbie S., Paul/Melia F.
- 4/6 - Monica G., Dane L., Dorothy S., Greg H.
- 4/13 - Lori H., Chris/Jody H., Vicky W.

Mass Intentions

Sunday, Mar. 23, 2025 - 3rd Sunday in Lent

1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 3:1-9

6:45am Confessions
 7:30am For the Parish
 9:45am Confessions
 10:30am L/D Mem Jeff & Amy Luebbers Fam.
 11:30am Baptism - Rudy John Augustine

Monday, March 24, 2025

2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Lk 4:24-30

6:30am Bruce & Linda Goetz
 7:30am Confessions

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10, Lk 1:26-38

6:30am L/D Mem Troy & Brenda Haas Family
 7:30am Confessions

Wednesday, March 26, 2025

Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19

6:30am L/D Mem Elmer & Lila Staab Family
 7:30am Confessions

Thursday, March 27, 2025

Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23

6:30am L/D Mem Dan & Emily Pfeifer Family
 7:30am Confessions

Friday, March 28, 2025

Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34

6:30am L/D Mem Jeff & Amy Luebbers Family
 7:30am Confessions
 6:30pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 29, 2025

Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14

11:00pm Funeral Mass for Wilbert Pfeifer
 3:30pm Confessions
 5:00pm +Norma Huser

Sunday, Mar. 30, 2025 - 4th Sunday in Lent

Jos 5:9a, 10-12/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-39

6:45am Confessions
 7:30am For the Parish
 9:45am Confessions
 10:30am L/D Mem Eddie Zwenger Family

Food Pantry / Diaper Closet

The St. Joseph Food Pantry and Diaper Closet is always open the 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month,

Food Pantry/Diaper Closet Items needed - Protein items, tuna, unscented baby wipes. Any and all nonperishable items are appreciated!

Food and Diaper items may be take to doors 25 & 26 over at the Kennedy building from 8:00am - 3:00pm.

Liturgical Appointments

Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 28, 2025

6:30pm

Cantor - Ann P.

Server - Briant O., Ernest P., Emma W.

	Mar. 29th Sat. 5:00pm	Mar. 30th Sun. 7:30am	Mar. 30th Sun. 10:30am
Sacristan	Sara V.	Kevin A.	Vicky W.
Altar Servers	Dylan B. Zack B. Alex L.	James R. Nolyn W. Masyn W.	Kenneth W. Patrick W. Evan S. Kayden T.
Cantor	Allen P.	Lisa S.	Lisa E.
EM	Rich A. Mary S. Craig A. Sara V. - L	Steve D. Jen S. Donna A. Michael S. - L	Troy H. Tom H. Nathan S. Vicky W. -L
HB		Michael S. Jen S.	Vicky W. Troy H.
Reader	Joyce D. Ann H.	Cathy V. Allen S.	Barb W. Dustin R.
Usher	Maurice G. Joseph B. John H. Rob W.	Mike B. Joe D. Don D. Steve D.	Kendall W. Ron W. Sub Needed Mark H.
Lead Rosary	Cindy E.	Terry L.	Ron W.

Stations of the Cross

Friday, April 4th

6:30pm

Cantor - Liz S.

Server - Mia L., Alex L., Kayden T.

HEARTLAND PARISHES Lent and Easter Schedule

Wednesday, March 26

Catharine - Stations of the Cross 6:00pm

Thursday, March 27

Antonino - Stations of the Cross 7:00pm

Friday, March 28

IHM - HFE Stations of the Cross 2:35pm

IHM - 7:00pm English Stations, 8:00pm Spanish Stations

Munjoy - Stations of the Cross 6:00pm

St. Joseph - Lenten Soup Supper 5:00pm/Stations of the Cross 6:30pm

St. Nicholas - Stations and Confessions 6:00pm

Sunday, March 30

IHM - Communal Penance Service 3:00pm

Wednesday, April 2

Catharine - Stations of the Cross 6:00pm

Thursday, April 3rd

Schoenchen - Stations of the Cross 7:00pm

Friday, April 4

IHM - HFE Stations of the Cross 2:35pm

IHM - 7:00pm English Stations, 8:00pm Spanish Stations

Munjoy - Stations of the Cross 6:00pm

St. Joseph - Lenten Soup Supper 5:00pm/Stations of the Cross 6:30pm

St. Nicholas - Shadow Stations and Confessions 6:00pm

Parish Notes

EASTER FLOWERS

Please consider donating \$35.00 to our Easter Flower fund in honor or memory of a parent, spouse or child. Please place \$35.00 (or more) into an envelope, mark it “Easter Flowers” and who these flowers are in memory or honor of. They may be placed in the collection basket or dropped off at the parish office. Thank you for bringing your flower donations!

TRUE RELIC OF THE CROSS

During this season of Lent, please make time to venerate the True Relic of the Cross located in front of the wooden cross in the sanctuary of the church. Perhaps make this your Lenten practice after we celebrate the Stations of the Cross each Friday evening during Lent. Come, Let Us Adore Him!

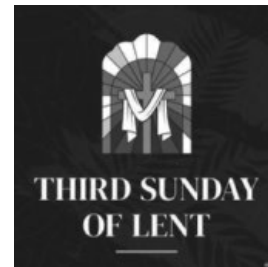
RICE BOWLS are out in the baskets in church along with Lenten prayer books for adults and children. Please pick up a copy on your way out of church. Please return Rice Bowls on Good Friday.

Lenten Soup & Bread Suppers every Friday during Lent from 5:00 - 6:30pm at the Kennedy Cafeteria. A free will offering will be taken. Please bring your favorite meatless soups to share with your parish family.

Stations of the Cross will be each Friday during Lent at 6:30pm. Please join us in church after the Meatless Soup Supper.

Focus on Lent with your family by completing the Tri-Parish Lenten Family Passport! Pick up a passport booklet from the back tables at St. Joseph Church or print one from our website – stj-church.com under the Faith Formation tab, take part in the Lenten activities, and turn your completed passport in at our parish office for a chance to win a \$25 gift card to Precision Valley for your family! Questions? Call Allison at the parish office at 625 -7356.

During the season of Lent there will be an opportunity for all parishioners to donate canned food items for Catholic Charities. There will be boxes placed in the back of the church, with additional information, for any donations. If you have any questions please contact Caleb Marintzer or Ryan Casey. We hope everyone has a blessed Lent and a happy Easter.



Parish Stewardship Renewal Forms

57%

STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL FORMS

A second mailing went out this past week to all who have NOT returned their Stewardship Renewal Information.

To date, from the **660** renewal letters and forms that we mailed in January **373** have been returned, making that a return of **57%** of the parish. We are trying to reach an 80% return from the parish this year.

Please remember that when reviewing your ministries for the parish on the form, you need to mark the box if you wish to continue your ministry. Sometimes we have people who wish to no longer renew their ministries and so leave the box blank. Are you renewing your ministry? Did you mark the box next to your ministry to renew it?

ST. JOSEPH’S WEEK IN A GLANCE: March 23 - 29, 2025

SUN	23	MON	24	TUES	25	WED	26	THURS	27	FRI	28	SAT	29
<u>6:45-7:15am</u> Confessions	<u>6:30am</u> Mass	<u>6:30am</u> Mass	<u>6:30am</u> Mass	<u>6:30am</u> Mass	<u>6:30am</u> Mass	<u>6:30am</u> Mass	<u>6:30am</u> Mass	<u>6:30am</u> Mass	<u>6:30am</u> Mass	<u>6:30am</u> Mass	<u>6:30am</u> Mass	<u>8:45am</u> Women Scripture Study	
<u>7:30am</u> Mass	<u>7:00 - 7:30am</u> Confessions	<u>7:00 - 7:30am</u> Confessions	<u>7:00 - 7:30am</u> Confessions	<u>7:00 - 7:30am</u> Confessions	<u>7:00 - 7:30am</u> Confessions	<u>7:00 - 7:30am</u> Confessions	<u>7:00 - 7:30am</u> Confessions	<u>7:00 - 7:30am</u> Confessions	<u>7:00 - 7:30am</u> Confessions	<u>7:00 - 7:30am</u> Confessions	<u>7:00 - 7:30am</u> Confessions		
<u>9:45-10:15am</u> Confessions						<u>6:30pm</u> Religious Ed. & Adult Ed.		<u>Noon</u> Bible Basics Class		<u>5:00pm</u> Meatless Soup and Bread Supper		<u>3:30pm</u> Confessions	
<u>10:30am</u> Mass					<u>8:00pm</u> Choir Practice					<u>6:30am</u> Stations of the Cross		<u>5:00pm</u> Vigil Mass	



TO THE heights Kerns Talks



DCN. JESSE OCHS
St. John Vianney
School of Theology
Theology IV
Sacred Heart, Park



DCN. KADE MEGAFFIN
St. John Vianney
School of Theology
Theology IV
St. Joseph, Hays



DCN. ADAM URBAN
St. John Vianney
School of Theology
Theology IV
St. Nicholas of Myra, Hays



LUKE FRIESS
St. John Vianney
School of Theology
Theology III
St. Frances Cabrini, Hoxie



KYLE PFEIFER
Kenrick-Glennon Seminary
Pastoral Year
Seven Dolors, Manhattan



HOLDEN GIEFER
Kenrick-Glennon Seminary
Theology I
St. Isidore, Manhattan



MAX MEGAFFIN
St. John Vianney
School of Theology
Pre-Theology II
St. Joseph, Hays



COLLIN THIELEN
Conception Seminary
College IV
Sacred Heart, Park



JOSEPH SCHONES
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Pre-Theology I
Sacred Heart Cathedral, Salina



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St. Andrew, Abilene



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Propaedeutic Year
St. Isidore, Manhattan



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Propaedeutic Year
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THE HIGHER WE GO,
THE BETTER WE SHALL HEAR
the Voice of Christ.

—BLESSED PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI



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Interested in making a charitable gift? Please contact the Catholic Foundation
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Novena and Adoration Service In Response to the Black Mass

As many may have heard, on March 28th, a satanist group is planning to hold a “black mass” at the Kansas state capitol. Although the group claims to have the right to do this via “freedom of religion,” in fact, this event is a direct act of hatred and bigotry towards the Catholic Church, as well as all Christians and people of good will. The Bishops of Kansas have also made a statement against this event. You can learn more about it by viewing these websites:

- <https://www.kansascatholic.org/news-articles/142-legislative-newsletter-week-9-3-9-2025>
- <https://www.kctv5.com/2025/03/07/catholics-decry-black-mass-scheduled-take-place-kansas-state-capitol/>

For us, it is important to do our part as well. Therefore, we would like to encourage all to respond in the most powerful way possible – by prayer!

We invite you to join in a novena, prayed at your own convenience, beginning on Thursday, March 20th, and lasting every day until Friday, March 28th. Prayers for the novena can be found below.

Then, on Friday, March 28th, from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. (the same time as the “black mass”), we welcome everyone to come for adoration in the church. Silent individual prayer will be from 11:00 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. Regular Confessions will be offered at 12:00 p.m. Then, at 12:15 p.m., prayers and devotions will begin. The service will conclude with Benediction. Please feel free to come for whatever you are able!

Thank you all very much for your prayers and devotions, as well as all that you do for Christ and His Church! Let us continue to prayer for the reparation and salvation of souls, as well as strive ourselves to grow in holiness and conform our lives to the way of Jesus Christ!

Novena Prayers

Act of Reparation to Mary

O Most Holy Virgin, and Our Mother, we listen with grief to the complaints of your Immaculate Heart surrounded with the thorns placed therein at every moment by the blasphemies and ingratitude of ungrateful humanity. We are moved by the ardent desire of loving you as Our Mother and of promising a true devotion to Your Immaculate Heart.

We therefore kneel before You to manifest the sorrow we feel for the grievances that people cause You, and to atone by our prayers and sacrifices for the offenses

with which they return your love. Obtain for them and for us the pardon of so many sins. Hasten the conversion of sinners that they may love Jesus Christ and cease to offend the Lord, already so much offended. Turn your eyes of mercy toward us, that we may love God with all our heart on earth and enjoy Him forever in Heaven.

Act of Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Jesus, Son of God and our Savior, have mercy on all who wound your Sacred Heart by sin, unfaithfulness and neglect. O loving Heart of Jesus, broken by our ingratitude, pierced by our sins, yet loving us still, accept in reparation the suffering I now make to you of all that I am and all that I have. Draw me ever nearer to your Sacred Heart: there where I can learn best, teach me, Jesus, your blessed way to eternal life.

Amen.

Pray 1 Our Father, 1 Hail Mary, and 1 Glory Be.

MOVIE TIMES



The people of Israel welcome Jesus as king while his disciples anticipate his crowning. But—instead of confronting Rome—he turns the tables on the Jewish religious festival. Their power threatened, the country’s religious and political leaders will go to any length to ensure this Passover meal is Jesus’ last.

Shot in a beautiful cinematic format, The Chosen: Last Supper brings the most pivotal week in history to audiences in this special three-part theatrical release.

Part 1 AMC Class Hays 8 Theater Showtimes

- Thurs. Mar. 27 @ 6:00pm
- Fri. Mar. 28 @ 4:00pm and 7:00pm
- Sat. Mar. 29 @ 1:00pm, 4:00pm and 7:00pm
- Sun. Mar. 30 @ 1:00pm, 4:00pm and 7:00pm
- Mon. Mar. 31 @ 4:00pm and 7:00pm
- Tue. Apr. 1 @ 4:00pm and 7:00pm
- Wed. Apr. 2 @ 4:00pm and 7:00pm

Renewing parish life and family life by reclaiming Sunday as The Lord's Day.

LEISURE REVISITED

Learn to do nothing. This is a tough one for me. I have spent my whole life trying to squeeze the most out of each day, each hour, each moment. But this obsession with efficiency often lures me away from what matters most.

Josef Pieper's *Leisure: The Basis of Culture* is a philosophical text but its application to our lives seventy-five years after it was written is astounding

What is leisure? Pieper provides the answer, "Leisure is an attitude of mind and a condition of the soul that fosters a capacity to receive the reality of the world."

"Capacity to receive the reality of the world." Wow. How often do we turn away from the reality of the situation because it is too much? We can't handle it. How often do we meet people who are in complete denial of reality in some aspect of their life?

The enemies of leisure are what Pieper calls lives of distraction and "total work." Total work and constant distractions both prevent the deep reflection that leisure seeks to lead us into.

Leisure allows us to receive the gifts of wisdom. It teaches us that there is no amount of human effort that can attain this wisdom by itself. Leisure is indispensable in our quest to thrive as human beings in this life and the next.

Why does leisure matter?

Pieper points out that religion can only be authentically born in a person and society through leisure. It cannot be rushed. Leisure is indispensable for the contemplation of God. Leisure is the foundation of culture.

Think on that for a moment: Religion can only be authentically born in a person and society through leisure.

When we discuss why religion has been abandoned by so many people in our culture, and why Western societies have rejected religion at an alarming rate over the past seventy-five years, the reasons we discuss are primarily based in enlightenment academics. These can be summarized by saying that we are no longer in the Dark Ages and people don't need to cling to the superstition of religion. But what Pieper suggests deserves serious consideration.

(To be continued)

Quotes from *Slowing Down to the Speed of Joy*

By Matthew Kelly

<https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/slowning-down-to-the-speed-of-joy/SDSJ.html>

The Catholic Steward



Today's Gospel passage reminds us that life is precious and the gift of time on this earth is just that — a gift. None of us knows how much time will be granted to us, so we must use this gift intentionally to glorify God and serve our neighbor.

Jesus offers the parable of the fig tree to further illustrate this truth. The owner of the orchard came searching for fruit on a fig tree he had planted in his orchard. Finding no fruit on the tree after three years, he told the gardener to cut it down. But the gardener intercedes and asks for one more year to cultivate and fertilize the tree in hopes it would bear fruit in the future. The fig tree was not dying; it simply wasn't doing much of anything at all. Can this be said of us and our lives as well?

The season of Lent is a time to carefully reflect on the way we spend our time. Do we make God our first priority, tending to our spiritual growth and sacramental life with diligence? Do we give the next priority to our loved ones, focusing intentionally on them each day without distractions from phones, screens, or thoughts of work? If not, now is the moment to repent of our waste of time or of misplaced priorities on our use of time. God is merciful but just. Let's turn to Him and ask Him to make our lives fruitful while we still have time to do so.

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*St. Mary's
30th Annual
Auction*



*A Pearl of
Great Price*
(Matthew 13:45-46)

**We invite you to our 30th Annual Parish Auction
at St. Mary's School in Ellis, KS!**

March 29, 2025

**Come enjoy an evening bidding on Silent & Live Auction
items, Dinner catered by Gella's Diner, Open Bar, Raffles,
and Cash Drawings!**

This event is for those 21 years or older.

Mass will be celebrated at 4:00pm

Doors Open at 5:00pm

Silent Auction Begins at 5:00pm

Dinner Served at 6:30pm

Live Auction Begins at 7:30pm

✦ ***Admission Tickets: \$70.00 per person***

Includes a bidding number, appetizers, delicious meal catered by Gella's Diner,
dessert, and drinks from the open bar.

✦ ***Raffle Tickets: \$50.00 each***

We are giving away \$10,000!!!

Each raffle ticket will be entered into the drawing for (4) chances to win cash!

First Prize = \$5,000, Second Prize = \$2,500,

Third Prize = \$1,500 and Fourth Prize = \$1,000!

Need not to be present to win.

✦ ***Website:*** <https://charityauction.bid/stmarysauction2025>



**St. Joseph Parish Faith Formation
Calendar 2024-2025
Wednesdays – 6:30-7:30 p.m.
at the Kennedy Bldg.**

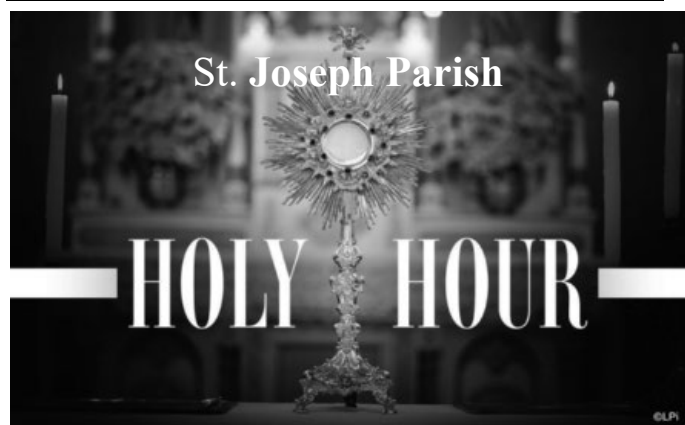
March 26	Class - Reconciliation 5 & 6
April 2	Class - Reconciliation 7 & 8
April 9	Class
April 16	Class
April 23	Class
April 30	Final Class Closing Celebration

**First Reconciliation & Communion
Schedule**

Wednesday April 23	First Communion Retreat at St. Joseph Church, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. *Parents must attend this retreat with their child
Saturday May 3	First Communion Practice at St. Joseph Church 1:00 p.m.
Sunday May 4	First Communion Mass at St. Joseph Church 10:30 a.m.

Confirmation Schedule

Friday April 4	Letter to Bishop and Confirmation Paperwork Due to Allison @ Parish Office
Sunday May 11	Confirmation Practice 5:00pm
Wednesday May 14	Confirmation Mass 7:00 p.m.



**Join us for these
Adoration Thursdays at St. Joseph Church.**

**Thursday, April 10th (Date Change) - 7:00pm with
Confessions from 5:00pm - 7:00pm**
Thursday, May 15th - 7:00am - 7:00pm

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
INFORMATION**

Holy Family Elementary School

- March 24 Advisory Council Mtg, 5:15 p.m. Lounge
- March 25 Father’s Mass, 8:00 a.m. at IHM
- March 28 Stations of the Cross, 2:35 p.m. at IHM
March Free-Dress-Day for Marcos! (*Students have free-dress day if they bring a free-will donation for Marcos, 5th grader undergoing heart surgeries!*)
- March 31 Spring Music Concert, Grades KP-2nd Gr. at TMP Fieldhouse, 6:30 p.m.
- April 1 Spring Dress Code Returns
- April 2 Para Appreciation Day

Thomas More Prep - Marian Jr./Sr. High School

- Mar. 24: 6pm - 8pm Alumni Board Meeting in the Learning Commons
- Mar. 25: 3pm - (HS) Forensics Meet at Phillipsburg
5:30pm - (JH) Track Parent Meeting
- Mar. 26: 8am - 3pm (HS) Art Fieldtrip to the Manhattan Art Museum 3:30pm - 4:30pm (HS/JH) Garden Club Worktime
- Mar. 27: 3:30pm - 5:30pm Finance Advisory Council Mtg.
3:30pm - (JH/HS) Spring Sports Pictures
7pm - 8pm Heartland Stewardship Committee Meeting
- Mar. 28: 3:30pm - (JH/HS) Spring Sports Pictures
4pm - (HS) Softball vs Russell
4pm - (HS) Baseball at Larned
- Mar. 29: 8am - (HS) KSHSAA Regional Solo and Small Ensemble Music Contest in Larned.

Hays CYO Information

- March 23rd- TBA Jr CYO Meeting
- March 26th- 7:30 p.m. CYO Meeting in IHM Basement
- April 2nd- 7:30 p.m. CYO Meeting in IHM Basement
- April 4th- TBA CYO and IHM Knights of Columbus Fish Fry
- April 6th- TBA Jr CYO Bingo Fundraiser in IHM Basement
- April 9th- 7:30 p.m. CYO Meeting in IHM Basement

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- Saturday @ 4:00pm need seconded adorer

For more information contact

Archangel's Name, Hours and Phone Number

- Brian & Michelle DeWitt (12:00AM-6:00AM) 625-2481
- Lorraine Brungardt (6:00AM-12:00PM) 625-3021
- Yvonne Demuth (12:00PM-6:00PM) 259-0650
- Geri Rupp (6:00PM-12:00AM) 639-5588

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The Victoria Knights of Columbus Council #1867 will be conducting their Lenten Fish Fries on March 28, and April 11, 2025 at the Victoria VFW Hall. Prices are: Adults \$15, Children 6-12 \$5, Children 5 and under Free. We will be serving Deep Fried Alaskan Potluck, Fried Noodles and Beans, Baked Potatoes, Cole Slaw and bread. Doors will open at 5:00 PM. Please help us help our communities.

St. Mary's Knights of Columbus 6984 & Hays CYO Fish Fry will be held on Friday, April 4, 2025, from 5:00pm to 7:00pm or sold out in the IHM Parish Hall in the church basement.

Menu: Fish, fried noodles and beans, coleslaw, dinner roll & drinks.

Proceeds from the fish fry will go to the Hays CYO Please make checks payable to K of C 6984. Carry Out Orders Available



DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

The Daughters of Isabella #254 monthly meeting has been rescheduled to **Tuesday, March 25, at 6:30, in the church basement.**

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Beads of Hope - All grandmothers are invited to join us in praying the rosary for our grandchildren and great-grandchildren and the special intentions we hold in our hearts for them. We will meet in Immaculate Heart of Mary Church after the 8am Mass on the first Thursday of each month.

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