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Hours: Monday – Thursday 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. • Friday 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Mass Times

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
6:45 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	5:30 p.m.	8:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m. (Spanish)	6:45 a.m.	4:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. (Spanish) & 6:00 p.m.

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Baptism

Baptismal Preparation class is by appointment only and is required for parents with their first child and inactive Catholics. Please call the parish office for more information. Baptisms are scheduled during or after weekend Masses.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursday at 5:00 p.m., Friday at 12:00 p.m., Saturday at 3:00 p.m., & Sunday at 5:00 p.m. or by scheduled appointment.

Marriage

Please contact the Pastor at least six months before the wedding to participate in marriage preparation.

Anointing of the Sick and Sick Calls

Please call parish office for appointments. For emergencies after hours, please call 628-2468.

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"In this period of crisis today, it is important not to turn in on ourselves, burying our own talent, our spiritual, intellectual, and material riches, everything that the Lord has given us; but, rather to open ourselves, to be supportive, to be attentive to others. Set your stakes on great ideals, the ideals that enlarge the heart, the ideals of service that make your talents fruitful. Life is not given to us to be jealously guarded for ourselves, but is given to us so that we may give it in turn."

- Pope Francis,
to an audience on April 24, 2013



The Fourth Sunday of Advent — Sunday, December 21, 2025

Prayers for Christmas

With Christmas quickly approaching this week, I thought I would share a couple of prayers that hopefully will help us enter into the Christmas season. Wherever Christmas takes you this year, may you be filled with blessings and joy!

Pope John XXIII's Christmas Prayer

O sweet Child of Bethlehem, grant that we may share with all our hearts in this profound mystery of Christmas. Put into the hearts of men and women this peace for which they sometimes seek so desperately and which you alone can give to them. Help them to know one another better, and to live as brothers and sisters, children of the same Father. Reveal to them also your beauty, holiness and purity. Awaken in their hearts love and gratitude for your infinite goodness. Join them all together in your love. And give us your heavenly peace. Amen.

Christmas Eve Prayer

Loving God, help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men. Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts. May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children, and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Altar Candles

Beginning on Christmas, we will be using more candles around the altar for our Masses. The use of multiple altar candles is a long tradition in the Catholic Church. The proper practice is to light a different number of candles depending on the level of solemnity of the Mass. Hence, 2 candles are to be lit for regular daily Masses and memorials (for example, celebrating a saint day), 4 candles are lit for feast days (for example, more significant Saint days such as Peter and Paul, or celebrations of significant events or devotions), and 6 candles are lit for solemnities (for example, every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation). A 7th candle is added for solemnities when the Bishop is present.

This practice actually comes from the book of Revelation 1:12; 20. In the book of Revelation, John is being given a vision of Heaven. In this vision, he sees 7 lampstands. The Mass we celebrate is always to be united with the Heavenly liturgy. Therefore, the practice of multiple candles around the altar is meant to mirror the worship of all the angels and Saints in Heaven.

Ultimately, our goal is always to include whatever details we can to enrich and enliven our celebration of the Mass and give greater glory to Christ in the Eucharist. Hopefully, these elements will add to our worship & help in glorifying God.

Date	Mass Intentions & Other Church Events	Mass Readings
Monday 22	6:45 a.m. Poor Souls In Purgatory	1 Sm 1: 24-28 Lk 1: 46-56
Tuesday 23 Parish Office Closes @ 12P	8:00 a.m. L/D Clarence Basgall Family	Mal 3: 1-4, 23-24 Lk 1: 57-66
Wednesday 24 Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Eve) Parish Office Closed	4:00 p.m. † Thomas E. Casey (English Vigil) 10:00 pm. People of the Parish (Bilingual Vigil)	2 Sm 7: 1-5, 8-12, 14, 16 Lk 1: 67-79 ~~~~~ Is 62: 1-5 Acts 13: 16-17, 22-25 Mt 1: 1-25
Thursday 25 The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day) Parish Office Closed	9:00 a.m. L/D Randy & Wanda Koerner Family 12:00 p.m. Poor Souls In Purgatory (Spanish) No 5:00pm Weekly Reconciliation No 6:00pm Mass	Is 52: 7-10 Heb 1: 1-6 Jn 1: 1-18
Friday 26 St. Stephen, Martyr Parish Office Closed	6:45 a.m. Mass Cancellation 12:00 p.m. No Weekly Reconciliation	Acts 6: 8-10; 7: 54-59 Mt 10: 17-22
Saturday 27 St. John, Apostle	8:00 a.m. Mass Cancellation 2:00 p.m. Clay North & Whitney Befort Wedding 3:00 p.m. Weekly Reconciliation 4:00 p.m. † Phyllis Engel Stuart	1 Jn 1: 1-4 Jn 20: 1, 2-8
Sunday 28 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph	8:00 a.m. L/D Stan Werth Family 10:00 a.m. † Larry Keil 12:00 p.m. † Hector Cesar Fraire 5:00 p.m. Weekly Reconciliation 6:00 p.m. People of the Parish	Sir 3: 2-6, 12-14 Col 3: 12-21 Mt 2: 13-15, 19-23

Stewardship of Treasure

Budgeted Weekly Income Fiscal Year 2025-2026	\$ 31,673.07
Adult Envelopes	28,9714
Offertory Loose Plate	\$ 1,800.07
Total Giving week of December 14, 2025	\$ 30,771.49
For this week the collection is <i>behind</i>	\$ 901.58
Unify Beautify Glorify Loan with Diocese	\$2,100,000.00

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For your convenience, Venmo is now available for those visitors to our parish, forgot your envelope or check.

Matching Funds —It is not too late to get in on the matching funds for the *Unify, Beautify, Glorify (UBG)* campaign. Any new donation or pledge made before the end of the year will be matched dollar for dollar. Exclusion are payments that are to be applied to a current pledge balance.

Double your donation today! Contact the parish office.

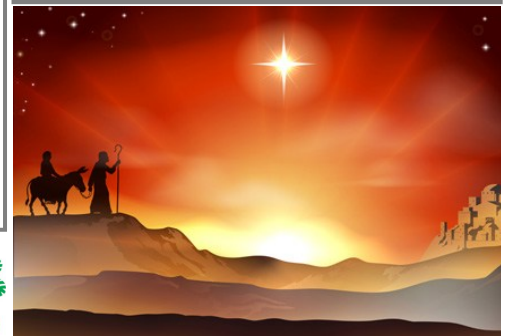
Planning a Year End Tax Donation—May we suggest that you consider one of the following areas: *Parish general operations* for day to day running of the parish & ministries. *Building Projects & Improvement fund/(UBG matching funds are still available)* or *the Living Memorial Trust Fund*. A year end extraordinary donation can be made in the collection basket or at the parish office by Dec. 30, 2025 if *mailed must be post-marked Dec. 30, 2025*.

College Scholarships! Great news for students in the Diocese of Salina!

There are three scholarship opportunities available for the 2026-2027 school year. The application process is online and opens November 1, 2025.

Apply by March 1, 2026

givecfds.org/scholarships



Stewardship of Time and Talent

Liturgical Ministers	December 27 Saturday 4:00 p.m.	December 28 Sunday 8:00 a.m.	December 28 Sunday 10:00 a.m.
Sacristan	Francis Jacobs	Pam Windholz	Lester Robben
Cantors	Monica Watson	Bob Dreiling	Seilers, Morgan, Jenna
Accompanist	Linda Lang	Bob Dreiling	Debbie Klaus
Altar Servers	Atticus Micek Colby Schmeidler Lana Schmeidler Kayla Schmeidler	Lawson Fox Kendell Pfeifer Callie Rudman Derrick Rudman	Benjamin Perrett Munachi Umeh Mason Rozean Weston Unrein
Lectors	Bonnie Rupke Jarrod Kuckelman	Teresa Schrant Dorothy Klaus	Jennie Helget Timothy Greenwood
Gift Bearers	Phyllis Stuart Family	Rochelle Werth Family	Pending
Wee Words			No Wee Words of Wisdom
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Greeters	Bryan & Amy Church Family Gary & Arlene Stramel Volunteers	Jason & Shayla Werner Family Don & Gerry Larson Volunteers	Mason & Tori Ruder Family Tanner & Angela Gross Family Chris & Lori Appelhans
Money Count	Christmas count & weekend collection will be on December 29th in the parish office		
Rosaries	Daughters of Isabella	Daughters of Isabella	Daughters of Isabella



YOUTH / ADULT INFORMATION

Dec 21 – Dec. 27, 2025

HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Dec 19-Jan 5th

*No school-Christmas break

Jan 6th

*Classes Resume

Jan 8th

*July Birthday Mass & Lunch

Jan 9th

*5th Grade Monarch-4-a-day

Jan 12th

*Home & School Meeting 7:00pm in the Little Theater

Jan 19th

*No School-Inservice

Jan 22nd

*January Birthday Mass & Lunch

Youth Faith Formation K — 8

Director of Faith Formation (K-8)

Jaclyn Brown

785-625-7339

Email: jbrown@ihm-church.com

December 24 & 31, 2025— No Class—Christmas Break!!!

January 7, 2026 - Faith Formation Classes Resume at 6:30pm

January 14, 2026 - Faith Formation Classes at 6:30pm

2026 Sacramental Information

First Reconciliation/Forgiven Retreat - Saturday, January 10, 2026

Confirmation Retreat - Saturday, February 7, 2026

Bread of Life Retreat - Saturday, March 7, 2026

First Holy Communion- Sunday, May 3, 2026 at 2:30pm

Confirmation Mass - Wednesday, June 17, 2026 at 7:00pm

HAYS CYO INFORMATION

Dec 24th- NO MEETING Christmas Break

Dec 31st- NO MEETING Christmas Break

Jan 7th- 7:30 p.m. CYO Meeting at CYO Room (IHM)

Jan 10th- 11:00- 1:00 p.m. Jr CYO Bowling Party Centennial Lanes

Jan 14th- 7:30 p.m. CYO Meeting at CYO Room (IHM)

Spaghetti
Dinner



SAVE THE DATE

Hays CYO Spaghetti Dinner

Sunday, February 15, 2026

IHM Parish Hall

More Information to follow!

TMP-MARIAN JR/SR HIGH

Dec 22nd - Jan 6th No School Christmas Break

Jan 6th 1st Day Back from Christmas Break Full Day

HS JV/V Basketball vs Sylvan-Lucas 5:45-8:30pm

Jan 8th JH Spelling Bee in the Dreiling Theater 9:45-10:30am

HS V Boys/Girls Wrestling at Larned 1:00-4:00pm

Jan 9th Monarch for Day 7:30-12:30pm

All School Mass HS/JH in Dreiling Theater 9:30-15:15am

HS FFA - Denver Stock Show 9th-11th

HS Varsity Girls Wrestling at Norton 3:00-8:00pm

HS V/JV/C Basketball vs Salina Sacred Heart -

Legacy Night - Alumni Awards Presentations

Jan 10th HS V Scholars Bowl Tournament Bishop Carroll 9am-1pm

HS V Boys Wrestling at Norton 9:30-3:30pm

Jan 12th HS V Scholars Bowl MCL - Ellis 4:00 - 7:00pm

HS V/JV/C Basketball vs Hill City 4:30-9:30pm

Forgiven

Retreat

Saturday, January 10

8 am–1 pm

Check-in at 7:45 am

Parish Hall

At least one parent must be in attendance with their child.

Please NO siblings and cell phones at this retreat.

**Your child will make their
First Reconciliation at this retreat.**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4TH

COFFEE & DONUTS



**IHM PARISH HALL
AFTER 8AM, 10AM & 12PM MASSES**

This retreat is required in order to attend the Bread of Life Retreat in March.

Parish & Community Announcements



**Welcome our newly baptized to our
Catholic Community of
Immaculate Heart of Mary!**

Leo John Vajnar

Son of Conrad & Haley Vajnar was baptized
Saturday, December 13, 2025 by Fr. Brian McCaffrey

The Daughters of Isabella, Circle #254, will meet on Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at the IHM Parish Hall at 6:00 PM. Members are asked to bring a prospective member to this meeting.



The Daughters of Isabella have scholarships available. Any member who has a female relative who wants to apply for this scholarship, please contact Peggy Feltis, 785-628-1336. This application must be completed prior to January 26, 2026.

***Please note that the Heritage Eatery and Bingo will be moving to **2450 East 8th Street, (the previous Senior Center) effective December 31, 2025**. The Daughters of Isabella #254 will be sponsoring **this Bingo**. There will be additional games and prizes. Plan to attend and have some fun on New Year's Eve!

Heartland Christmas Schedule

December 24, 2025 (Wed.) - Christmas Eve

Antonino - 4:00pm
IHM - 4:00pm, 10:00pm (Bilingual)
Munjor - 7:00pm
Schoenchen - 6:00pm
St. Joseph - 5:00pm, 11:30pm Choir Music, Mass at Midnight
St. Nicholas - 5:00pm

December 25, 2025 (Thurs.) - (Christmas Day)

Catharine - 9:00am
Comeau Catholic Campus Center - 9:00am
Hays Medical Center Chapel - 11:15am
IHM - 9:00am English 12:00pm Spanish
St. Joseph - 7:30am, 10:30am
St. Nicholas - 9:30am

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel Open Adorer Hours

Sunday 1:00 AM	Sunday 6:00 AM
Monday 1:00 AM	Saturday 6:00 AM
Saturday 1:00 PM	

Needs Second Adorer

Please contact Brian or Michelle DeWitt at 785-625-2481 or via email at haysadorationchapel@outlook.com.

BEADS OF HOPE- PLEASE NOTE A CHANGE OF DATE FOR JANUARY. With New Year's Day falling on the 1st Thursday of January, our Catholic Grandmothers Group, will be gathering to pray the rosary for our grandchildren on Thursday, JANUARY 8th. All grandmothers are invited to join us. We will meet in Immaculate Heart of Mary church after the 8:00am Mass. Coffee and pastries will be provided in the Parish Hall after the rosary.

Tuesday Morning Discussion Group

Starting Tuesday, January 6th the Tuesday morning discussion group is moving to the IHM Parish Hall from the IHM Parish Office Upper Room. The discussion group starts at 9:00am. All are welcome to join the discussion prayer group. If you would like more information, please contact Dorothy Klaus 785-625-2197.

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Congratulations!

December Knight of the Month: Lester Robben
Family of the Month: Shaun & Nicole Linenberger

Christmas Raffle Winners

December 11: Elmer Finck & Glen Neuburger
December 12: Brian Schmeidler & Ilene Schwarz
December 13: Karen Bieker & Zach Binder
December 14: Tony Pfeifer & Cindy Washburn
December 15: Chris Gabel & Coleen Werth
December 16: Jodie Werth & Nick Leis
December 17: Linda Becker & Christopher Byer

Synoptic Gospel Mini-Series

A mini-series on the Synoptic Gospels will be presented by guest teacher, Tyson Dinkel, on Monday, January 5th, and Tuesday, January 6th, from 7:00pm to 8:30pm in the parish hall. This series is for anyone age high school through adult. Refreshments will be provided. Please come & enjoy these excellent presentations on the Gospels!

Tyson Dinkel is currently studying at Saint Meinrad School of Theology in St. Meinrad, Indiana. He is pursuing his master's degree in theology with certification in teaching high school theology. Tyson has been a parishioner of IHM since he was ten years old and graduated from TMP-Marian High School in 2020. In addition to his studies, he has served on a mission trip in Peru, taught Faith Formation classes at IHM, served on the leadership team at FHSU's Comeau Catholic Campus Center, and spent two summers as an intern with the One Bread, One Cup program at Saint Meinrad Archabbey in Indiana. His favorite topics of study are Scripture and salvation history. Tyson is excited to give back to the IHM parish community and asks for prayers as he finishes his final semester of on-campus study in the spring.

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