

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

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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 Epiphany of the Lord — Sunday, January 4, 2026

Epiphany Chalk and Blessing for a Home

This weekend, we celebrate Epiphany – the arrival of the magi to adore the Christ child. There is an ancient custom associated with this celebration of blessing one’s home using a special prayer and writing in chalk above the threshold of the home.

Part of this tradition stems from Passover, when the Israelites placed the blood of a sacrificed lamb over the doors of their homes protecting them from the final plague of the death of the first born. Similarly, this blessing places a mark inside the home over the entry door, and asks God’s spiritual protection for the family and all who come into their home.

The marking with chalk over the door contains the first two numbers of the year, the initials of the 3 magi (Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar), and the last two years of the year, each with a cross in between. The letters, CMB, have an additional meaning; they are an abbreviation of the Latin prayer of blessing, “May Christ bless this house” (Christus Mansionem Benedicat).

If you would like to participate in this blessing, blessed chalk is available in the gathering space as well as in the parish office. Please feel free to take a piece. The prayer for blessing can be found below. It is properly performed by the head of the household. After the prayer, you may sprinkle your home with holy water if you like. As this chalk is blessed, once you are finished using it, please dispose of it properly by either burying it, or returning it to the parish.

Epiphany Blessing of the Threshold 20 † C † M † B † 26

(Begin by writing “20 † C † M † B † 26” and making the Sign of the Cross)

Sacred is this threshold of our home and holy is this door. This is the meeting place of friend, neighbor, and stranger. May it be a bridge for our comings and goings. Whenever we stand in its sacred circle, may our eyes be granted new vision, so that we can see in friend or stranger the God of ten thousand disguises.

May this threshold be a sacred space where we come to celebrate the Sacrament of Hospitality. May the spirits of evil never cross this threshold, and may the Name of the All-Holy-One protect our home from harm. May God’s angels stand guard at the right and the left of this opening to grace our comings and goings.

May we who live in this home guard the sacredness of this doorway. May our hearts be always alert to the danger of falseness and pretense as we greet those who come to our door. Let our affection be graced with honesty and reverence, and may the oil of truth burn in the lamp of our eyes. Help us to remember that our ancestors were strangers and exiles in Egypt, that Joseph and Mary came knocking at a door like this, weary and in search of kindness. May we receive all at this door as Godly guests.

May the blessing of God, and peace and grace of the All-Holy-One, surround this threshold and rest upon all who shall pass across it. R. **Amen.**

Immaculate Heart of Mary This Week (January 5 — 11, 2026)

Date	Mass Intentions & Other Church Events	Mass Readings
Monday 5 St. John Neumann	6:45 a.m. L/D Marvin & Millie Karlin Family	1 Jn 3: 22-4: 6 Mt 4: 12-17, 23-25
Tuesday 6	8:00 a.m. L/D Donald & Deanna Bergquist Family	1 Jn 4: 7-10 Mk 6: 34-44
Wednesday 7	5:30 p.m. † Rachel Binder	1 Jn 4: 11-18 Mk 6: 45-52
Thursday 8	8:00 a.m. L/D Dan & Vali Leis Family 5:00 p.m. Weekly Reconciliation 6:30 p.m. Salvation of All Souls	1 Jn 4: 19—5: 4 Lk 4: 14-22
Friday 9	6:45 a.m. † Twila Denning 12:00 p.m. Weekly Reconciliation	1 Jn 5: 5-13 Lk 5: 12-16
Saturday 10	8:00 a.m. Daily Mass for Vocations <i><u>Forgiven Retreat & First Reconciliation</u></i> 3:00 p.m. Weekly Reconciliation 4:00 p.m. † Ronald L. Leiker	1 Jn 5: 14-21 Jn 3: 22-30
Sunday 11 The Baptism of the Lord	8:00 a.m. † Rita Kuhn 10:00 a.m. L/D Clarence Basgall Family 12:00 p.m. People of the Parish 5:00 p.m. Weekly Reconciliation 6:00 p.m. L/D Darrell & Agnes Gross Family	Is 42: 1-4, 6-7 Acts 10: 34-38 Mt 3: 13-17

Stewardship of Treasure

Budgeted Weekly Income Fiscal Year 2025-2026	\$ 31,673.07
Adult Envelopes December 28	\$ 26,685.17
Offertory Loose Plate December 28	\$ 1,672.10
Christmas Offertory	\$ 14,530.98
Total Giving of Christmas & December 28	\$ 42,888.25
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.

We would like to thank our parishioners for their generous gifts of time, talent and treasure throughout the Advent and Christmas seasons. We are thrilled to share that our matching funds campaign was a success, we matched all \$50,000 funds available! Thank you for your incredible generosity.

Year End Parish Tithe Reports from IHM— for the 2025 calendar year will be mailed later this month. The envelope is clearly marked **“Important Tax Information Enclosed.”** The report will be printed on green paper for easy identification. Review the information and let us know if your records do not agree. Please place this financial report in a safe place so you have it when needed. *Donations made to the Diocese of Salina, Call to Share, or Catholic Charities will be a separate contribution report mailed out directly from their office to you.*

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	January 10 Saturday 4:00 p.m.	January 11 Sunday 8:00 a.m.	January 11 Sunday 10:00 a.m.
Sacristan	Bryan Church	Glenn Braun	Curtis Hammeke
Cantors	Simon Micek	Bob Dreiling	Jennifer & Youth Choir
Accompanist	Maggie Baalman	Bob Dreiling	Linda Lang
Altar Servers	Dalton Herrman Samuel Basgall Atticus Micek Alyssa Church	Grant Nehls Ian Nehls Layne Dorzweiler Laken Dorzweiler	Benjamin Perrett Paige Koenigsman Brody LaBarge Cayden Watson
Lectors	Janelle Pfannenstiel Donna Lubbers	Geri Zerr Glenn Braun	Linda Becker Tom Drees
Gift Bearers	Bernadette Arnhold Family	Norbert Kuhn Family	Kim & Deana Rupp Family
Wee Words			Tami Koenigsman
EMEs	Francis Jacobs Melissa Dreiling Brad Stramel Bonnie Rupke Don Lubbers Victor Munsch Melissa Romme	Doug Nehls Suzie Nehls Carol Brull Josh Schroeder Virginia Linenberger LaVonne Finck Elmer Finck	Tracy Perrett Vince Newell Lori Appelkans Edward Perrett Rhonda Anderson Ernie Klaus Paula Harris
Greeters	Shari Fabrizio Family Jaclyn Cure Family Volunteers	Tom & Deb Hoffman Mark & Cindy Dinkel Volunteers	Jon & Shannon Kinderknecht Fam Jeff & Jana Lowe Steven Hale
Money Count	January 11 / 18	James Braun*, Stacey York*, Chris Byer & Linda Schoenthaler	
Rosaries	Knights of Columbus	Knights of Columbus	Knights of Columbus



YOUTH / ADULT INFORMATION

Jan. 4 – 10, 2026

HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Jan 6th

- *Classes Resume
- *Mass 8:00 am at IHM
- *Fr. Andy visits the 5th grade

Jan 7th

- *Altar Server refresher training for 4th & 5th grade
- *Fr. Fred visits the 4th grade

Jan 8th

- *July Birthday Mass & Lunch
- *Mass 8:00 am at IHM
- *Fr. Damian visits the 2nd grade

Jan 9th

- *5th Grade Monarch-4-a-day

Help us raise money by recycling your pop cans! You can find the recycling truck in the East parking lot!

At HFE, We are Christ to One Another! We grow in our Catholic faith to honor God, respect others, imitate Christ, study, and develop our talents to glorify God.

Youth Faith Formation K — 8

Director of Faith Formation (K-8)
 Jaclyn Brown
 785-625-7339
 Email: jbrown@ihm-church.com

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

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

January 21, 2026 - Faith Formation Classes at 6:30pm

2026 Sacramental Information

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



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.**

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

HAYS CYO INFORMATION

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)

Jan 21st- 7:30 p.m. CYO Meeting at CYO Room (IHM)

Jan 28th- 7:30 p.m. CYO Meeting at CYO Room (IHM)

Feb 4th- 7:30 p.m. CYO Meeting at CYO Room (IHM)

Feb 11th- 7:30 p.m. CYO Meeting at CYO Room (IHM)

Feb 14th- TBA CYO Spaghetti Dinner Setup

Feb 15th- **CYO SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER**
(IHM Parish Hall)

Feb 18th- NO MEETING Ash Wednesday

Feb 22nd- 2:00- 3:30 p.m. Jr CYO Bowling Meeting (St. Nick's)

TMP-MARIAN JR/SR HIGH

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



Open to all 9th - 12th Graders!

Thomas More Prep-Marian Junior High
Friday, January 9th
7:55 AM - 12:30 PM

Come join us for the morning to learn what the school has to offer! Lunch is included. Transportation provided upon request.

REGISTER NOW

Please contact Brenda Rose
 (785) 625-6577
rose@tmpmarian.org



Free student admission @ popcorn at the TMP-M vs Salina Sacred Heart basketball game that evening starting at 6:00 p.m.

Parish & Community Announcements

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.

Via Cristi Village Hays would like to extend their heartfelt appreciation to Knights of Columbus and parishioners of IHM. The Angel tree gifts for all our long term and Assisted Living are immensely appreciated. Your continued goodness and generosity over the years is such a blessing. Please know we lift you all up in prayer and thanksgiving.
Karen Bieker Chaplain

 **St. Mary's K of C Council 6984** is sponsoring a project called **Lift High the Cross** during the Lenten season starting Ash Wed. Feb. 18th.

For a 20 dollar donation, members of the K of C will put up a wooden cross in your front yard. They will be put up February 21st through April 11th.

Sign-Ups will start January 10th and 11th after all Masses. You can also stop by the IHM Parish Office to sign up and receive a yard flag.

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.

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.

Baptismal Preparation Class: Saturday, January 31 at 9:00am in the Upper Room of the Parish Office. Please contact Jaclyn Brown at the parish office to join by emailing jbrown@ihm-church.com. *Please note the change of date for the class it was previously scheduled for February 14.*

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel Open Adorer Hours

Sunday 1:00 AM Sunday 6:00 AM
Saturday 2:00 PM
Needs Second Adorer

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

Youth Choir (singers and instruments)

2nd Sundays 10:00am Mass 2nd-12th graders
Meet in the church basement the morning of at 9:00am for practice. Questions? Contact Jennifer Whitmer at jlosey04@gmail.com or 785-259-4373

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to IHM Parishioners. I pray your Christmas was filled with peace and joy. As 2025 comes to a close, I would like to thank you for the thoughts, prayers and gifts I received this past year.

Your thoughtfulness is much appreciated. I will continue to keep all of you in my thoughts and prayers. Please keep me in your prayers too. I wish you a Happy and Joyous New Year.

Deacon Dave



K of C Co. 6984 Corner

Christmas Grand Prize Raffle Winners

December 23 (\$1,000 Winner): Ron & Gloria Braun
December 24 (\$1,500 Winner): Jerry Paul

UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 8 - K of C Meeting 7:30pm Knights Room
January 10 / 11 - Lift High the Cross Sign Ups Start
February 12 - K of C Meeting 7:30pm Knights Room
February 21 - Yard Cross Installation Day

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