

# St. Francis of Assisi Church

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*Lord make me an  
instrument of peace...*



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## MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday - 8:00 am  
Wednesday - 7:30 am

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Sunday - 7:30 am

BAPTISMS - Preparation class  
required for first time parents  
and inactive Catholics.  
Contact Lilly to schedule.

MARRIAGES - Couples anticipating  
marriage must contact Lilly at least  
6 months prior to wedding date.

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Holy Family Elementary 625-3131

[www/hfehays.org](http://www/hfehays.org)

Thomas More Prep-Marian 625-6577

[www.tmp-m.org](http://www.tmp-m.org)

Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 ~ Third Sunday of Easter



**MASS INTENTIONS**



Sun. April 18 8:00 am L/D Benedict & Margaret Brenner fam  
Wed. April 21 7:30 am +Alicia Brull  
Sun. April 25 8:00 am +Keith Fieler  
Wed. April 28 7:30 am +Tony Seib

**SERVERS**

Sunday, Apr 18 Braydon Binder & Rexton Leiker  
Sunday, Apr 25 Logan Leiker & Daunte Younker

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Sunday, Apr 18 Mark Leiker & Rhonda Stramel  
Sunday, Apr 25 Lilly Binder & Peggy Richmeier

**LECTORS**

**OFFERTORY GIFTS**

Sun. Apr 18 Gene Gottschalk Neal & Carolyn Younger  
Sun. Apr 25 David Leiker Randy & Michelle Werth

**GREETERS**

Sunday, Apr 18 Jerry & Sylvia Gross  
Sunday, Apr 25 Linda Gross

**COLLECTION TEAM**

**Sunday, April 18**

Ernie Binder, Aaron Dome, John Moeder, John Oborny

**Sunday, April 25**

Mark Leiker, Ken Richmeier, Caleb Staley, Darold Younker

**TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS**

Sunday, Apr 18 Linda Gross  
Sunday, Apr 25 Randy & Michelle Werth  
Sunday, May 2 Aaron & Kolleen Dome  
Sunday, May 9 Herman & Rosie Leiker

**Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure**

Envelopes \$1,790.00  
Loose \$45.00  
Rice Bowls \$25.00  
**Total \$1,860.00**



**REFLECTION FROM DEACON STEVE URBAN**

Acts of Apostles 3:13-15, 17-19  
1 John 2: 1-5a  
Luke 24: 35-48

You're probably familiar with the phrase "like a broken record." The meaning of this idiom is that someone is "stuck on something" maybe the same phrase, theme, or way of doing something. Originally, it referred to a scratch in a vinyl record in which the needle of the record player would get stuck in this groove. One of the themes of our Scriptures readings today is "like a broken record". We hear it over and over, and sometimes we become numb to its importance. That theme is repentance. And in this Easter season, when we accentuate the power of the Sacrament of Baptism, this theme is heard again and again. Repentance is at the core of our Christian life. In the first reading, Peter calls his hearers to repent, in the letter of St. John the author says to follow the commandments, and Jesus tells his apostles to preach repentance starting in Jerusalem in today's resurrection appearance. Let's explore this theme of repentance.

In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Peter is delivering a long speech just after curing a crippled man at the Beautiful Gate of the Temple in Jerusalem. The speech is spoken to the Jewish people gathered in Solomon's Portico. Peter states that the Jewish people, out of ignorance, handed Jesus over to Pilate, and Pilate then ordered Jesus' crucifixion. Lest we are quick to blame these Jews, Peter calls all of us to admit our sins and turn away from evil. Peter says simply "repent." Following that same theme, the author of our second reading is responding to those who say they "know God", are in union with him, and are without sin. Yet these same people do not keep God's commandments. The author of First John calls them liars. We too are liars if we say we are Christian but fail to follow his commandments and practice our faith. Finally, Jesus has appeared to the early disciples following his presenting himself as a traveler on the road to Emmaus. Luke, like Matthew and Mark, has a commissioning scene in one of the resurrection appearances in which he drives home a major theological emphasis. For Luke it is repentance, forgiveness, and witnessing to Jesus' life.

How easy it is for us to become numb to the "broken record" of Jesus' core message of repentance and conversion. Like the Jewish people in that first reading, we can claim ignorance. We can say "we didn't know." Or we can play the blame game. It was someone else's fault. It was the Democrats or Republicans fault. Maybe the nation of China! You fill in the blank. The reality is all of us are sinners, and all of us need to repent and reform our lives. And it's a lifelong

journey. Sometimes there are major roadblocks that need addressed, and other times our sins are more venial. In this Easter season, we see the importance of our baptism and its lifelong call to conversion. Baptism is that continual dying to our self, and then rising to a new and better way of life. Along with baptism, the initiation sacraments also include Confirmation and Eucharist. And even though we may have received these sacraments many years ago, the power of these initiatory sacraments and the responsibility that each of these call us to are still present today. The great news or shall we say another “broken record” is that Jesus has shown us the way and continually gives us his grace to carry out the responsibilities of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

~ Deacon Steve



**Church Council Meeting:**  
Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.

**K of C Meeting:**  
Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**Religious Formation:** Wednesday, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

**Stewardship Renewal Forms:** To date 28 forms have been returned, which represents 33%. *Have you returned yours?* Everyone is asked to return the completed form as soon as possible. Thank you!

St. Joseph’s Food Pantry Distribution Days: Saturday’s April 17<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup>. Donations can be dropped off Monday-Friday at the Kennedy school building. Thank you for your support!

MOTHER’S MASS, celebrated by Bishop Vincke, for moms grieving the death of a child at any stage, conception to adulthood, is set for 2:00 P.M. on Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish in Concordia. A reception in the parish hall will immediately follow Mass. Mothers planning to attend are asked to pre-register online so those planning the event know how many to prepare for, but please know all moms are welcome, pre-registered or not.

The Antonino Cemetery Association Annual Meeting will be Monday, April 19, 2021 at 8:00 p.m., in the Antonino church basement. All interested persons are welcome to attend.

**From Bishop Vincke:**

**It’s time:** On March 17, 2020, the bishops in Kansas dispensed all Catholics from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. On the weekend of Pentecost Sunday, May 23, I am lifting the dispensation to attend Sunday Mass in the Diocese of Salina. Obviously, if people are sick, elderly, afraid to contract COVID, the dispensation remains intact for you—just like it did prior to COVID. I am writing a pastoral letter to the faithful on the importance of attending Sunday Mass.

**A Family Perspective ...by Bud Ozar**

The apostles were afraid of Jesus until he ate with them and they touched him. In your family the ordinary acts of eating together, touching, embracing not only confirm our love for each other, but also celebrate God’s presence in your family. These ‘ordinary’ moments contain the ‘Extraordinary’.



Adam, Special Intention, Stacy Dittmer, Special Intentions, Ramona Weigel, Carole Carter, Parishioners in Health Care Facilities.

Drop requests in the collection basket or let Lilly know.  
*Let Lilly know when the intention can be removed.*

St. Isadore’s Day Observance – May 14<sup>th</sup> Sacred Heart Church, Colby. Bring soil & seeds for blessing. All are welcome – free no RSVP necessary. Coffee/donuts @ 10 am OLPH Goodland. Precision Ag Tour 10:30 am, AgSun LLC Tour 1:30 pm, Mass with Bishop Vincke 4 pm, Supper in church basement 5:00 pm. All times CDT.

**JOB OPENING:** Catholic Charities is seeking a full-time Outreach Coordinator for the Hays office. This position will be responsible for mobile outreach services from the Hays location as we grow our services throughout the region.

Well-known Catholic speaker and author Al Kresta looks at all of life through the lens of Scripture and the teaching of the Catholic Church, providing a daily conversation – personal, authentic, human – about the thing that matter most. Tune in to Kresta in the Afternoon from 3-5 PM on weekdays. The call-in number is 877-573-7825.

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**April** – Sexual exploitation of children has flourished during the pandemic. Classes online opened the door wide to predators and their grooming tactics. U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking.

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Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and Hallelujah is our song.  
...Pope St. John Paul II

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**FAITH OF OUR FATHERS!**

*Listen to Divine Mercy Radio Spring Care-a-Thon  
April 27-30*

Radio @ 105.7 – Phone app – Echo -- @dvmercy.com –  
Live on Facebook & YouTube

Some of what will be airing:

**Tuesday, April 27:**

- 7 am: Cody Marintzer & Josh Waddell  
*Conversations into Catholicism*
- 8 am: Fr. Gale Hammerschmidt & Fr. Drew Hoffman  
*Thriving in College*
- 9 am: Rep. Barb Wasinger – *Value them Both & More*
- 5 pm: Adam Urban – *Saint Augustine*

**Wednesday, April 28**

- 9 am: Nathaniel Binversie – *Founder of Exodus 90*
- 1 pm: Deacon Brian McCaffrey – *Call to the Priesthood*
- 5 pm: Fr. Damian Richards – *St. John Chrysostom*

**Thursday, April 29**

- 7 am: Fr. Andy & Curtis Hammeke  
*How the Faith of our Fathers Formed us*
- 2 pm – Geoff Andrews – *Update on Catholic Schools*

**Friday, April 30**

- 7 am – Bill Meagher
  - 9 am – John Cuddeback – *Man of the Household*
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*Being God, He was called the Devil.*

*Being Love, He was hated.*

*Being Innocent, He was crucified.*

*Being King, He became servant.*

*Being blameless, He took our blame.*

*Being Sinless, He died for our sins.*

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**CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS**



**HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY**

Rachel Wentling, Principal  
625-3131

- April 21 Sack Lunch Day!
  - April 23 Race for Education
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**THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN**

Chad Meitner, Principal  
Bob Leikam, Jr. High Assistant Principal  
625-6577

This week marks the beginning of ACE 2021 - Safari Sunset! We are excited to engage with all of our Catholic school family, friends and alumni across the nation in support of TMP-Marian and Holy Family Elementary. You can preview all of the auction items now by visiting [www.tmp-m.org/ace](http://www.tmp-m.org/ace). A timeline of ACE 2021 Events:

Friday 4/23:

- 9:00 AM - Online Auction open for bidding
- 9:00 AM - Chamber Chat in Al Billinger Fieldhouse
- 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM - Preview Auction Items in ABFH

Saturday 4/24:

- 10AM - 12PM - Preview Auction Items in ABFH
- 6:00 - 11PM - Banquet (by reservation only)
- 7:00 - 10:00 PM - Online Auction items close
- 10:30 PM - Live raffle drawings at [tmp-m.org/ace](http://tmp-m.org/ace)

Thank you for your ongoing dedication to our Catholic schools. Also, consider a donation to ACE Item #60. All donations to Item #60 are matched up to the first \$200,000 raised by the Leo J. and Albina Dreiling Trust. Funds collected with ACE 2021 Item #60 will be used toward the re-pavement of roads and parking lots on the TMP-M campus. God Bless and Go Monarchs!

The 2021-22 Stewardship Renewal Form is available online at <https://www.tmp-m.org/2021stewardship/>. This form is required by all families enrolling in Catholic schools for the 21-22 school year and is in addition to parish stewardship forms. This contains options available to support the Catholic schools with your gifts of time, talent and treasure. Forms are due by May 1, 2021.

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***Mission Statement:***

*St. Francis of Assisi Parish is built on a foundation of faith. We continue that spirit by welcoming all people to participate in our spiritual growth. As we are called to love God and be examples of his teachings, we strive for unity through fellowship and participation in all areas of the Catholic faith.*