

# 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 785-625-3131

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

Thomas More Prep-Marian 785-625-6577

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

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Sun. Mar 26	8:00 am	L/D Tony & Wilma Seib family
Wed. Mar 29	7:30 am	L/D Ben & Margaret Brenner fam
Sun. April 2	8:00 am	L/D Mark & Dora Leiker family
Wed. April 5	7:30 am	+Curt Pfannenstiel

**SERVERS**

Sunday, March 26	Cali Richmeier & Rafe Richmeier
Sunday, April 2	Jacob Leiker & Rexton Leiker

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Sunday, March 26	Lilly Binder & Glenn Stramel
Sunday, April 2	Bea Suppes & Tina Waddell

**LECTORS                      OFFERTORY GIFTS**

Sun. Mar 26	John Moeder	Blake & Kenna Spencer
Sun. April 2	Lauren M. & Brian P	Frank & Paulette Seib

**GREETERS**

Sunday, March 26	Jeanette Pfannenstiel
Sunday, April 2	Joe & Mindy Pfannenstiel

**COLLECTION TEAM**

**Sunday, March 26**

Rexton Leiker, Brian P., Trenton Staley, Brandon Z.

**Sunday, April 2**

Jason Carter, Aaron Dome, Jerry Gross, Gary Staab

**TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS**

Sunday, March 26	Tony & Patty Rohr
Sunday, April 2	Aaron & Kolleen Dome
Sunday, April 9	Randy & Michelle Werth
Sunday, April 16	Darold & Evelyn Younker

**Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure**

Envelopes	\$2,253.00
Loose	\$292.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,545.00</b>



**REFLECTION FROM DEACON STEVE URBAN**

Ezekiel 37:12-14  
 Roman 8:8-11  
 John 11:1-45

You might have remembered in grade school singing the song “Dry Bones”. The lyrics are “The foot bone connected to the leg bone, the leg bone connected to the knee bone... and on and on”. This cute song is based on today’s first reading from Ezekiel Chapter 37 in which the prophet has a vision of a broad valley filled with dry bones. God tells Ezekiel to prophesy over these bones, and they will come to life. After this prophecy, God then says to Ezekiel that he will open the people’s graves and have them rise from death. This theme of rising from the dead takes flesh in today’s Gospel where Jesus truly raises from the dead his friend Lazarus. In our lives, God wants to unearth all that is dead in our spiritual life. He wants to uncover all the areas of our lives that we have buried because of fear and shame; maybe areas so painful that we have placed them in the caves of our minds and hearts and covered them over with all sorts of stuff. Most definitely, God wants to raise up the dry bones of our hearts that come from sin and selfishness. In place of dryness and death, God wants to bring life and resurrection. It is never easy or painless, but God promises us, like he did to the Israelites, that he will do it. We must believe.

Our first reading comes from the prophet Ezekiel who had some bizarre visions, ones that we might consider abnormal. Yet his spiritual greatness far exceeds his strangeness. Ezekiel was deported during the Babylonian captivity, and was then called to bring hope to the exiles who had lost all hope. Feeling abandoned and without life because they lost their homeland, the Israelites were truly “dry bones” taken to a foreign land because of their infidelity and pride. But God never abandons or leaves his people in desperation. Ezekiel’s vision in today’s reading is that God would raise them from their graves of hopelessness and bring them back to their homeland. Ezekiel would, by his ministry, be the restorer of life and promise just as Jesus does today in the Gospel.

In John’s Gospel, Jesus accomplishes the unfathomable... he restores a dead man to life. He raises to life his friend Lazarus who had been in the tomb for four days. In the tradition of the rabbis, there was life breath in the body for three days. Therefore, the evangelist John wants to make certain for the reader the reality that Lazarus was truly dead. The evangelist John also wants us to see how emotionally Jesus was affected by his friend’s death. John says Jesus was perturbed by Lazarus’ death, and some scholars see the use of this word as more than mere sadness but a justified anger at the power of evil. Jesus does battle with the darkness of evil at the cave where Lazarus laid, and he was victorious. Jesus also wants to take on the evil of our hearts and raise us up to life, but we must be willing to let go of the darkness and sin and trust in his power.

As we have moved closer to the end of the Lent and the coming of Easter, hopefully we have been led to face the “dry bones” of our lives. Through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we have allowed God to unearth the dead parts of

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our lives that need healing. Through day's readings, God helps us understand that Lent is more than just merely giving up a few things...more than just taking on a few extra practices. It's about transformation...about changing our hearts...opening the graves where we don't want God to go. God wants to bring us to life and resurrection, and he will do that if we believe that he has the power and surrender to his plan.

~ Deacon Steve



**Anointing of the Sick will take place following Mass today.**

**K of C Meeting**, Monday, March 27 at 7:00 p.m.

**Religious Education:** Wednesday 6:30 pm



**Stations of the Cross & Benediction**  
**Friday 6pm Volunteer servers appreciated!**



**Munjor K of C Fish Fry** Friday March 31, 5-7 pm in the Munjor School Gym. Menu: Fried Fish, Noodles & Beans, & Grebbel. Free will offering.

All proceeds go to the Salina Diocese Seminarian Fund. Dine in or to go orders welcome.

**Stewardship Renewal Forms.** All parishioners are asked to complete them and return as soon as possible. This information is helpful to plan ministries at Mass as well as keep our parish records up to date. ***What gifts of time, talent and treasure will you share?*** Thank you to those who have already returned theirs.

**The Annual Chrism Mass** is Thursday, March 30, 11:30 am at the Sacred Heart Cathedral in Salina. Check the Salina Diocesan Facebook page for any information to view the Mass on the internet if you are unable to attend in person.



Matt Shorman, Rick Werth, Carol Legleiter, Special Intentions, Helen Werth, Becky Robben, Maya Gottschalk, Stan Herrmann, Carla Meier, Terry Hauschel, Theo Leiker, Chris Brull, Carol Carter, Parishioners in Health Care Facilities. Drop requests in the collection basket or let Lilly know. *Please let Lilly know when the intention can be removed.*

**St Nicholas of Myra Ladies Guild** has a bingo on March 26; 1 pm; St Nick's parish hall. Snacks will be available for purchase including hotdogs & popcorn. There will be a raffle of nice prizes & a split the pot raffle. Hope everyone can join us

**St. Nicholas 8<sup>th</sup> gr. Jr. CYO presents Shadow Stations** on Friday, March 24, at 7pm, at church. Sponsored by the St. Nicholas Evangelization Commission.

**Divine Mercy Sunday**

The Divine Mercy Prayer Service will be held at **3 p.m., Sunday, April 16**, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. The hour will include Eucharistic Exposition, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy in song, litany of prayers and meditation. Jesus entrusted Saint Maria Faustina with the task of spreading the message of his Divine Mercy through a series of visions and interior locutions in the 1930s. When Pope John Paul II canonized Saint Faustina April 30, 2000, he declared the Sunday after Easter to be Divine Mercy Sunday and an official feast day of the Church. **Everyone is encouraged to pray the novena to the Divine Mercy, which begins on Good Friday. Leaflets on this novena are in the brochure rack of the church. CONFESSIONS WILL BE HEARD BEGINNING AT 2 p.m.** This prayer service is sponsored by Divine Mercy Radio.

**Daughters of Isabella 100th Anniversary!** **THIS IS FOR EVERYONE. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A D OF I MEMBER.** No tickets will be sold after April 14, 2023. Daughters of Isabella, Isabella Circle #254 will be celebrating their 100th Anniversary Saturday, April 22, 2023, Rose Garden Banquet Hall; 2350 E. 8th St. Social hour 5:30 pm and Meal following at 6:30 pm. Guest speaker, Tom Krause, who is a contributing author to the Chicken Soup for the Soul book series. This event is open to the public. Tickets are on sale now for \$35.00 per ticket. Please contact Peggy Feltis 785-628-1336, Janet Koerner 785-623-3407, Barbara Zimmerman 785-628-8074, Donnetta Pfeifer 785-628-1094, or Geri Zerr 785-432-1028. An Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday, April 23 at 10:00 am at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish.

**Thank you for your generous support** of the Catholic Relief Services collection and for revealing Christ's love to those who are poor and marginalized around the world. If you have not already done so, donations can still be turned in this week and next. Thank you!

**St. Joseph's Food Pantry & Diaper Closet**

Thank you to those who have so quietly & generously given donations, time in service, monetary donations, box donations, and prayerful support of this service project. On behalf of those who are in need, may God richly bless you for reaching out to others in His name.

**2022 Statistics**

Boxes Distributed on pantry days	2,877
People Served	4,157
Adult Volunteers	127
Student Volunteers	197
# of families utilizing the pantry	344
Avg # of annual visits per family	5.4
Add'l boxes shared 1st Call for Help	132
Add'l boxes shared Cath. Charities	533
Babies served	24

**CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS**



**HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY**

Rachel Wentling, Principal  
(785) 625-3131

- March 27 Lenten Canned Food Drive (until March 31)
- March 29 McDonald's Neighbor Night 5-8 (North location)
- March 31 Living Stations 12:30 & 2:00 pm



**THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN**

Chad Meitner, Principal  
Bob Leikam, Jr. High Assistant Principal  
(785) 625-6577

- March 29 Project Graduation Meeting—6:30 pm

**Job Openings TMP-Marian**

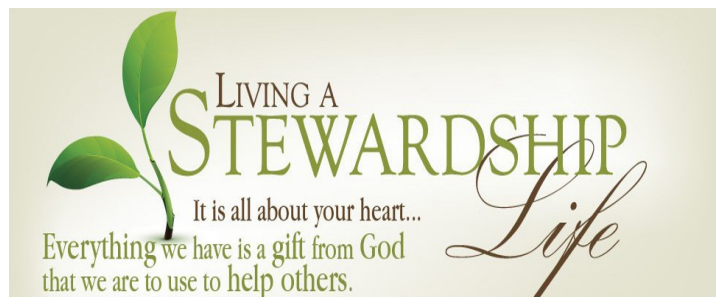
**Finance Coordinator.** Duties and Responsibilities include bank statement and account reconciliation, general bookkeeping, tax receipting, and providing accounting oversight for the Alumni/Advancement/Endowment Offices. Preferred qualifications for this position include a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting/Finance, finance/bookkeeping experience, experience with *QuickBooks*, and experience with database management.

**Alumni Coordinator.** This position is responsible for the development and on-going maintenance of alumni relationships and for the development, planning and coordination of Alumni events. Duties and Responsibilities include leading efforts to track and update Alumni information and planning for Alumni events. Preferred qualifications for this position would include being an Alumnus of Thomas More Prep-Marian.

For more info contact Mason Ruder, Advancement Director at 785-621-5427 or at [ruderm@tmpmarian.org](mailto:ruderm@tmpmarian.org).

**Theotokos Catholic Homeschool Co-op**

Samantha Baker 785-639-3285



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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 and be examples of his teachings, we strive for unity through fellowship and participation in all areas of the Catholic faith.*

## Sunday, March 26, 2023 ~ Fifth Sunday of Lent

### Friday, March 24

Comeau Campus Center - Stations 11:30am  
IHM - Stations - 2:35pm, 7:00pm English, 8:00pm Spanish  
Munjor - Stations 6:00pm  
St. Joseph - Lenten Soup Supper 5:00pm/Stations 6:30pm  
St. Nicholas - Adoration - 8:00am-7:00pm  
St. Nicholas - Stations & Confessions - 7:00pm

### Wednesday, March 29

Catharine - Stations 6:00

### Thursday, March 30

Antonino - Stations - 7:00pm

### Friday, March 31

Comeau Campus Center - Stations 11:30am  
IHM - HFE Living Stations 2:15pm, 7:00pm English, 8:00pm Spanish  
Munjor - Stations/Benediction 6:00pm  
St. Joseph - Lenten Soup Supper 5:00pm/Stations 6:30pm  
St. Nicholas - Adoration - 8:00am-7:00pm  
St. Nicholas - Stations & Confessions - 7:00pm

### Sunday, April 2

St. Joseph - Communal Penance Service 3:00pm

### Wednesday, April 5

Munjor - Communal Penance Service - 6:30pm

### Thursday, April 6, Holy Thursday

Catharine - 7:00pm  
Comeau Campus Center - 5:45pm  
IHM - 7:00pm - Bilingual, No 5:00pm Confessions  
Munjor - 5:30pm  
Schoenchen - 5:30pm  
St. Joseph - 7:00pm  
St. Nicholas - 7:30pm

### Friday, April 7 - Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

Antonino - Service 1:00pm  
Catharine - 2:30pm  
Comeau Catholic Campus Center - 12:10pm  
IHM - 3:00pm English Service, 6:30pm Spanish Service  
Munjor - Noon  
St. Joseph - Stations 12:05 p.m., Good Friday Service 3:00 p.m.  
St. Nicholas - Service 5:30pm

### Saturday, April 8 - Holy Saturday

Comeau Campus Center - 9:00pm  
IHM - 8:30pm Bilingual, No 4:00pm Confessions and 5:00pm Mass  
St. Joseph - 8:30pm  
St. Nicholas - 8:00pm

### Sunday, April 9 - Easter

Antonino - 10:30am  
Catharine - 9:00pm  
Comeau Catholic Campus Center - 9:00am, 11:00am, No 6:00pm Mass  
IHM - 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm (Spanish). No 6:00pm Mass  
Munjor - 8:00am  
Schoenchen - 8:30am  
St. Joseph - 7:30am, 10:30am  
St. Nicholas - 9:30am & 11:00am

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## St. Joseph Cemetery

1. Open your smartphone camera.
2. Scan this QR code/take picture of code to the right of this description.
3. Browse cemetery records.



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- You can also access this cemetery's records through:
4. [https://burialsearch.com/ecims#/s/246/St.\\_Joseph\\_Cemetery](https://burialsearch.com/ecims#/s/246/St._Joseph_Cemetery)

Need help finding a burial? GPS walk to grave directions are available.