

# 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, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021 ~ Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



**MASS INTENTIONS**

Sun. July 25 8:00 am +Alicia Brull  
 Wed. July 28 7:30 am +Benjamin & Diana Dome  
 Sun. Aug 1 8:00 am +Martina & Harvey Zimmerman  
 Wed. Aug 4 7:30 am L/D Ted & Polly Pfannenstiel family

**SERVERS**

Sunday, July 25 Valerie Dome & Alec Gerstner  
 Sunday, Aug 1 Logan Leiker & Cali Richmeier

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Sunday, July 25 Wendy Richmeier  
 Sunday, Aug 1 Peggy Richmeier & Bea Suppes

**LECTORS**

**OFFERTORY GIFTS**

Sun. July 25 Natalie Oborny Confirmandi  
 Sun. Aug 1 Nathan Leiker Joe & Mindy Pfannenstiel

**GREETERS**

Sunday, July 25 Jeff & Wendy Richmeier  
 Sunday, Aug 1 Ken & Peggy Richmeier

**COLLECTION TEAM**

**Sunday, July 25**

Ernie Binder, Jason Carter, Rich Ruder, Darold Younker

**Sunday, August 1**

Aaron Dome, Wilbert Gross, John Oborny, Sid Steinert

**TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS**

Sunday, July 25 Darold & Evelyn Younker  
 Sunday, August 1 Aaron & Kolleen Dome  
 Sunday, August 8 Jeff & Wendy Richmeier  
 Sunday, August 15 Randy & Michelle Werth

**Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure**

Envelopes	\$2,255.00
Loose	\$211.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,466.00</b>



**REFLECTION FROM DEACON STEVE URBAN**

2 Kings 4: 42-44  
 Ephesians 4: 1-6  
 John 6: 1-15

There's never enough! As individuals, a nation, and even the world, we are led to believe the lie that there will never be enough...enough food, water, natural resources, even money. We are always in a toxic state of frenzy believing we need to hoard and covet because there will never be enough for all to have. This mind-set of scarcity was quite evident in the recent covid pandemic when our nation went on a buying frenzy of toilet paper thinking there wouldn't be enough for all. In today's readings, God shows us that not only will he provide enough, but he offers us an abundance of life and goodness. God, working miracles through his prophets Elisha and Jesus, provides a superabundance of what we truly need. Not only does God provide enough, but there is more than what is needed. What God asks of us is that we in turn share our gifts with those who have less. God asks us to come gather in unity, as a community of one united in the Trinity.

Our first reading from the second Book of Kings, relates this miraculous story about God feeding a hundred people through the prophet Elisha. The context of this story was that Jerusalem and the temple had been destroyed by Babylon. Both the southern and northern kingdom of Israel were overtaken, and the people were in despair. The author of Second Kings was writing to bolster their spirits through the hope of a messianic kingdom. Especially noteworthy is the fact that barley loaves used by the prophet Elisha were the food of the poor. That God favored the faithful poor is made clear in the feeding of the hundred men. As Christians we see in this story a prefigurement of Jesus' wonderful miracle in today's Gospel. Today's Gospel is from John Chapter 6, the Bread of Life discourse, and takes the place of Mark's Gospel for an interval of four weeks. From the first verses of today's reading, the evangelist John wants to put in our mind this correlation between the Jewish Passover-Exodus event and Jesus' feeding the five thousand. Jesus goes up the mountain, and this place is reminiscent of Sinai. Jesus' offering of himself is greater than the manna of the Old Testament. And while the manna in the dessert was sufficient food for a day, Jesus provided a surplus of bread and fish. It was also believed that when the messiah would come it would be a time of prosperity and plenty especially for the poor. In this miracle story, Jesus becomes the fulfillment of those messianic prophecies, and he provides an abundance of food for all.

When I reflect on this Gospel, I am struck by the fact that there is a surplus of barley loaves left over. In fact, the

text says that they had more than they could eat. God blesses us in our lives with more than we can ever hope for. His kingdom brings about enough for everyone. But for that miracle to reach its full impact, we must share with others from our surplus. The second reading today speaks of this oneness or unity found in the Church. In fact, seven times the author of Ephesians speaks of the blessings of unity...*one* body of believers with *one* hope, *one* faith, sharing *one* baptism in *one* Lord, belonging to *one* Father in *one* Spirit. We need to rediscover the power of one community, the Church, in order to share this abundance of God's love and life with a hungry world. If you would like to read more about this myth of scarcity, which I alluded into in the first paragraph, read the book "The Soul of Money" by Lynne Twist.

~ Deacon Steve



Congratulations to the Confirmandi who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at Mass this morning. **Treger Dickinson, Wyatt Gerstner, Trenton Staley, Duante Younker & Mika Zimmerman.** May the Holy Spirit continue to guide them throughout their faith journey.

Special thanks to Joseph Pfannenstiel for preparing them for this Sacrament of Initiation.

Coffee, rolls and conversation following Mass next Sunday, in the Parish Hall, hosted by Knights of Columbus.



**Janitor Needed.** We are needing someone to clean the Munjor School. For now, it would be at least monthly, more often if usage would increase. If interested, please contact Lilly 623-8000.

100 years ago, a picture of the St. Francis Society of Munjor was taken in front of our church. (*This can be found in the parish 1876-1976 book, page 21.*) It was suggested we recreate this setting asking all men of the parish, 18 years and older to participate. Plans are to take a picture following Mass on Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>.

The annual seminarian collection is set for Aug. 7-8. This collection is held in every parish across the diocese and supports the tuition, books, board, and summer ministry expenses of our current seminarians, as well as recruitment of future seminarians. Currently, we have six seminarians. The average annual cost to educate one seminarian is \$50,000. We are thrilled to announce that several donors have provided an anonymous matching opportunity of \$50,000 for gifts to the Seminarian Education fund. Your gift will be matched \$1 for \$1, as funds are available. Thank you for your continued prayers and support of our seminarians.



Is there something tugging on your heart calling you to deeper faith in Jesus Christ through discipleship in the Catholic Church? In your mind are there questions about the Catholic Church and what it believes? Then join us on a journey of faith through RCIA...the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. The RCIA process begins Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at St. Nicholas Church. For more info about this process, contact Deacon Steve at [urbs57@gmail.com](mailto:urbs57@gmail.com) or call 785.650.2931.

### A Family Perspective ...by Bud Ozar

In today's gospel Phillip worried about "enough food" for the crowd. What is ENOUGH? When does our ENOUGH deprive another family of their fair share? Jesus performed today's miracle because one child was willing to share and risk living with less. Can your family live more simply so that other families can simple live?



Matt Shorman, Adam, 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.*

**JULY - WORLD DAY AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS – JULY 30.** Donate to residences where staff are helping survivors to rebuild their lives. U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking ([sistersagainstrafficking.org](http://sistersagainstrafficking.org)), 2039 N Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131.



### More 2 Life

There really is more to life... Join Dr. Greg Popcak and his wife Lisa for this live, call in program that helps listeners navigate the waters of family life with relevant, relatable and achievable tools and solutions straight from the genius of John Paul II's Theology of the Body. It is the life you were meant to live! Tune in at 9 AM on Thursdays. The call-in number is 877-573-7825.

*God speaks in the silence of the heart.  
Listening, is the beginning of prayer.  
--St. Mother Teresa*

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July 2020 - June 2021

INCOME

Offertory 8,146.75  
Adult Envelopes 109,005.00  
Votive Lights 685.25  
Munjoy School - Building Use 775.00  
Munjoy School - Income - Other 2,500.00  
Donations for Building Use 870.00  
Bequest & Donations 9,869.00

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Total Income 147,128.07

EXPENSES

Clergy/Parish Administrator 13,261.94  
Staff 16,640.00  
Art & Environment 539.30  
Church Maint/Furn 1,563.99  
Munjoy School - Electric 1,168.62  
Munjoy School - Gas 2,358.84  
Munjoy School - Insurance 4,187.00  
Munjoy School - Repairs 1,378.35  
Munjoy School - Security Lights 495.02  
Munjoy School - Sewer 220.00  
Munjoy School - Water 87.00  
Munjoy School - Expense - Other 504.38  
Hall Maint/Furn 1,284.83  
Grounds 1,899.16  
St. Nick's Rect/Utility 1,471.06  
Office Expenses 1,444.61  
Church - Electric 4,826.86  
Church - Gas 6,937.97  
Light by Garage 108.57  
Parish Hall - Electric 814.42  
Parish Hall - Gas 3,309.50  
Rectory - Electric 537.37  
Rectory - Gas 955.73  
Sewer 440.00  
Water 522.00  
Diocesan Collections 2,716.08  
MultiPeril - Insurance 9,021.00  
Workman's Compensation 171.00  
Social Action 850.00  
Reimbursements 6,700.53  
Parish Appreciation 1,557.99  
Votive Lights 658.90  
Religious Art/Pub. 138.90  
School (Subsidy) 41,127.48  
Printed Worship Materials 985.58  
Sanctuary Supplies 502.95  
Rel Ed. Children/Youth 302.74  
Vocations 100.00  
Parish Tax 5,491.00  
Miscellaneous Expense 567.80  
Transfer to Savings 4,000.00

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Total Expenses 141,845.47

Net Ordinary Income 5,282.60

**A special thank you for your on-going dedication to St. Francis of Assisi Parish. Your donations of time, talent and treasure are greatly appreciated. With your continued support, it will help maintain the viability of our parish.**

**July 2020 - June 2021 - Parish Stats**

Number of Families: 86  
Total Parishioners: 185  
Baptisms: 2  
Marriages: 3  
Deaths: 3  
Holy Family Elementary Students: 5  
TMP-M Students: 2  
Parish Religious Ed. Students: 19

**CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS**



**HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY**  
Rachel Wentling, Principal  
625-3131

July: Office open Tues -Thurs 9-12 & 1-4

Aug 4 – Enrollment Day, 7:30am to 2pm in LT (Cafeteria)  
Aug 5 – New Parent Orientation, 7 to 8pm in LT (Cafeteria)

HFE is seeking self-initiators who love God and are willing to serve His children as a paraprofessional.

HFE is seeking enthusiastic individuals to supervise and serve children in our After-School Care program.

**For more information call the school 625-3131**



**THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN**

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

TMP-M currently has 2 job positions open. We are looking for a full-time cook and a full-time custodian/maintenance. Please contact the school for more information at 625-6577.

Wed. Aug. 4: 8am - 9:30am Enrollment for Seniors  
10am - 11:30am Enrollment for Juniors  
12pm - 1:30pm Enrollment for Sophomores  
Thurs. Aug. 5: 8am - 9:30am Enrollment for Freshmen  
10am - 11:30am Enrollment for 8th grade  
12pm - 1:30pm Enrollment for 7th grade

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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.*