

# St. Francis of Assisi Church

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



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## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

### GRAND KNIGHT

Kevin Stramel 623-7107

## CHRISTIAN MOTHERS PRESIDENT

Jane Younger 259-3374

## 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)



**MASS INTENTIONS**

Sun. Jan 23 8:00 am L/D Tony & Vera Rohr family  
 Wed. Jan 26 7:30 am +Albert & Felicitas Zimmerman  
 Sun. Jan 30 8:00 am +Charlotte Werth  
 Wed. Feb 2 7:30 am +Les & Lynette Callahan Gross

**SERVERS**

Sunday, Jan 23 Benjamin Dome & Logan Leiker  
 Sunday, Jan 30 Ahnaly Leiker & Trenton Staley

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Sunday, Jan 23 Jenalyn Leiker & Lauren Moeder  
 Sunday, Jan 30 Ernie Binder & John Moeder

**LECTORS**

**OFFERTORY GIFTS**

Sun. Jan 23 Jeanette Pfannenstiel Tony & Patty Rohr  
 Sun. Jan 30 Ken Richmeier K of C Members

**GREETERS**

Sunday, Jan 23 Kenny & Ann Pfannenstiel  
 Sunday, Jan 30 K of C Members

**COLLECTION TEAM**

**Sunday, January 23**

Wilbert Gross, Larry Koirth, Josh Waddell, Neal Younger

**Sunday, January 30**

David Leiker, Nathan Leiker, Brian Pfannenstiel, Tony Rohr

**TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS**

Sunday, Jan 23 Aaron & Kolleen Dome  
 Sunday, Jan 30 Randy & Michelle Werth  
 Sunday, Feb 6 Glenn & Rhonda Stramel  
 Sunday, Feb 13 Jeff & Wendy Richmeier

**Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure**

Envelopes	\$1,320.00
Loose	\$151.00
Candles	\$36.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,507.00</b>



**REFLECTION FROM DEACON STEVE URBAN**

Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10  
 1 Corinthians 12:12-30  
 Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

“Encounter the Word”! This is the theme of Pope Francis’ proclamation of the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time as the day to be “devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God”. Both the first reading and the Gospel place a great emphasis on the power of the Word. In the first reading from the Book of Nehemiah, the people are moved to tears as the word, probably some portion of the Torah, is proclaimed and interpreted for the people. In Luke’s Gospel, Jesus goes to the synagogue, as was his habit, and proclaims a passage from Isaiah and then interprets it for his listeners. But this was no ordinary proclamation. The word Jesus proclaimed has become reality in Jesus himself and his mission to the people. If we can learn anything from these readings, it is that we too must take the time in prayer to listen, and let God’s word touch our hearts. May we encounter the Word each Sunday.

Our first reading from Nehemiah is a powerful liturgical snapshot of a proclamation of the word of God. Ezra, the priest, was sent ministering to the people after they had returned from the Babylonian exile. His contribution, upon returning, was to reform the people by emphasizing the law in a very detailed manner. Under his guidance, the law came to be more important than the covenant relationship, and led to the legalism we find in the New Testament. In today’s reading, Ezra is proclaiming a passage probably from the Torah. The people are moved to tears maybe because they are aware of their infidelity to God’s word. Ezra first reads the word and then interprets the passage similar to giving a homily. His message is that “today is holy”, and God invites his people to rejoice in His gifts.

In the Gospel, we have Jesus coming home to Nazareth after being led by the Holy Spirit after his baptism. He too participates in a liturgical gathering this time in hometown synagogue. Jesus is handed a scroll containing the book of the prophet Isaiah, and he finds the passage where God’s servant is commissioned to proclaim liberty to all. In this passage from Isaiah, the servant’s mission is to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives, to comfort the blind, and to let the oppressed go free. Jesus is the fulfillment of this passage. Jesus is the embodiment of that powerful mission. In his healings, teaching, and very lifestyle, Jesus brings to life this word. The homily that Jesus preaches isn’t something given from a pulpit, but it is his very being...his entire person.

So, what can we take away from these Scriptures and this special proclamation by Pope Francis? We too must have an encounter with the Sunday readings. More accurately stated, we must have an encounter with God in and through the Scriptures. To accomplish that, we must be prepared to

hear the readings each Sunday. That means we should take some time to read the passages before we come to Mass. We should pray over the readings, and ask what is it that God is trying to say to me in these readings. It might mean joining a weekly Bible study or Scripture sharing which there are several at St. Nicholas. Fr. Reggie leads a group each Tuesday night starting at 6:30 in the St. Nick's Room. Each Saturday morning at 7:30, I lead a men's group that goes over the Sunday Scriptures also in the St. Nick's Room. There is a men's group that meets each Wednesday morning at 6 in the Conference Room. Make it a priority to "Encounter the Word" this Sunday and every Sunday.

~ *Deacon Steve*

Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> – K of C Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

**Religious Education:** Wednesday 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Months with five Sunday's, the K of C will be accepting non-perishable food items for the St. Joseph's Food Pantry. Grocery bags will be available today, to be returned next Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup>. Your generous support is appreciated.



The Feast of St. Blaise February 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
On Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup> throats will be blessed after Mass.

In honor of the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, candles will be blessed at Mass February 6<sup>th</sup>. Bring your candles from home if you would like them blessed.

### Word of God Sunday

Everyone is invited to an hour-long celebration entitled "Encounter the Word" on Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, at Holy Cross Church in Pfeifer at 2 PM. There will be music and song, proclamation and still-life dramatization of Scriptures about Scriptures, respective teachings by Father Reggie Urban, preaching by Sister Francine Schwarzenberger from Dominican Convent in Great Bend, and witnessing by Michelle Rondeau, a member of Prince of Peace Parish in Great Bend. Bibles and books about the Bible will be for sale. Bring your Bible to be dedicated. A reception will follow in the grade-school next to the church.



**Polka & Popcorn**  
Who: Wes Windholz  
When: January 23<sup>rd</sup> 1-3p.m.  
Where: St. Nicholas of Myra Parish Hall  
Snacks and drinks provided.  
EVERYONE WELCOME!



St. Francis of Assisi Church ~

Thank you so much for your generous giving toward the ECMA and the Second Mile Fund. We know that this has been a difficult year for many, which makes your giving all the more special. Because of your generous donations, 63 households (143 individuals) received assistance to remain in their homes and keep the lights on. Also 163 individuals who were in transit and struggling with homelessness received assistance. The ECMA, through the Second Mile Fund, was able to give a total of \$32,534 in assistance. Your generous contributions assisted in making all this happen. We thank you and truly pray God's blessing in your life.

In Christ's Love.

Rev. Sanian Chaney *ECMA Treasurer*



### 2022 HEARTLAND PARISH MISSION

February 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>

St. Nicholas of Myra

**Theme: The main thing is to keep the main thing...the main thing.**

**FEATURING:**

**FR. RICHARD GIELOW ~ Vincentian**

Currently Father Gielow is the Director of the Vincentian Parish Mission Center in Kansas City. He holds a B.A. in Philosophy, a Masters of Divinity in Theology and a Masters of Arts in Religious Education. He is listed in the Midwest and Religious sections of *Who's Who in America* as a "well known preacher and retreat director."

**"The mission that you presented did more for me spiritually than anything else I have ever experienced." -Rawlings, Wyoming**

Join us for our weekend Masses on Saturday February 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm and Sunday February 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am and 11:00am

Mission continues at 7:00pm on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday with Mass and extended homilies  
Social gathering in parish hall each day following the mission.

Transportation may be arranged by calling the parish office at (785) 628-1446

Babysitting provided on Mon., Tues., and Wed.



Dolores Pfannenstiel, Theo Leiker, Special Intentions, Mike Suppes, Chris Brull, Matt Shorman, 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.*

2021 year-end parish contributions are at the entrances. If you have questions, please contact Lilly. Donations to the Diocese of Salina, *Call to Share* or *Catholic Charities* will be mailed out from their offices.

**Gorham D of I Soup Supper ~ Sunday, Jan 30<sup>th</sup>**

10:30 – 1:30 p.m. *Menu:* Chili, Green Bean Dumpling, Chicken Noodle. Homemade bread, pies, desserts.

Adults \$8; 5-10 years \$4; under 4 Free

\$10.00 quart carry outs.

Senior Center Gorham.



Mark your calendars! Night to Shine Parade on the Bricks in Downtown Hays on Jan. 29, at 3:30pm. Night to Shine honors individuals in our community with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Bundle up, come get a cup of hot cocoa, and cheer on our kings and queens as they parade down Main Street.

Adoration Chapel needs someone to cover the 10 to 11am, 12 to 1pm, and 5 to 6pm, on Saturdays.

Contact Geri Rupp at 785-639-5588.

St. Nicholas of Myra Blood Drive will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 16, from noon to 6pm, at St. Nicholas Parish Hall. Please contact the Parish Office at 785-628-1446, to make an appointment.



Doctor, Doctor brings you engaging, often humorous, and sometimes serious discussions of practical and current medical topics with a focus on the dignity of the human person – body and soul. Dr. Chris Stroud, Dr. Tom McGovern, and Dr. Andrew Mullally are a trustworthy source of medical information and advice for Catholics... and everyone else! Tune in at 10am on Saturdays.

**CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS**



**HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY**

Rachel Wentling, Principal  
625-3131

HFE Annual Chili Supper & Bazaar Sunday, Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>, 4 to 7pm Holy Family Elementary School. We invite you to attend our Chili Supper & Bazaar! Come join us for a delicious meal of chili, hot chicken sandwiches on homemade buns, relishes, your choice of cinnamon roll, pie, brownie (or sugar-free options). Meal tickets are \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children (ages 4-12). Children 3 and under eat free!



**THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN**

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

Still Seeking a Custodian / Maintenance Employee TMP-Marian Jr/Sr High School is currently looking for a maintenance employee to assist in the cleaning and maintaining of the school. Interested candidates should contact Tom Kisner, Operations Director, by email at [kisnert@tmpmarian.org](mailto:kisnert@tmpmarian.org) or by phone at 785-625-6577.

**HCS Advancement/Alumni Position Open**

The Hays Catholic Schools Advancement Office is looking for an individual to join our team to assist with the many happenings of the office such as fundraising campaigns, data entry, customer service, and events. Interested candidates should send cover letter and resume to Troy Ruda at [rudat@tmpmarian.org](mailto:rudat@tmpmarian.org). The full job description can be found at [www.hayscatholicschools.org/page/advancement-careers](http://www.hayscatholicschools.org/page/advancement-careers)

**Help Build the Way**

TMP-Marian is in the process of raising funds to replace the south steps to the main building. Donors to this project of \$1000, \$500, or \$250 will have a stone engraved for them in a new courtyard surrounding the statue of St. Joseph. Contact the Advancement Office at [advancement@tmpmarian.org](mailto:advancement@tmpmarian.org) for more information or secure your stone today at [www.hayscatholicschools.org/page/brickproject](http://www.hayscatholicschools.org/page/brickproject)

Shells Partially Donated by Northwestern Printers.

**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.*