

# St. Francis of Assisi Church

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



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Jane Younger

785-259-3374

## 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 785-625-3131

www/hfehays.org

Thomas More Prep-Marian 785-625-6577

www.tmp-m.org



## Sunday, October 16th, 2022 ~ Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. Oct 23	8:00 am	+Walter & Martina Younger
Wed. Oct 26	7:30 am	+Keith Fieler
Sun. Oct 30	8:00 am	L/D Marvin & Bernita Younger fam
Wed. Nov 2	7:30 am	+Mary Lou Pfannenstiel

### SERVERS

Sunday, Oct 16	Ahnalyn Leiker & Trenton Staley
Sunday, Oct 23	Benjamin Dome & Makailyn Leiker

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, Oct 16	Glenn Stramel & Rhonda Stramel
Sunday, Oct 23	Nathan Leiker & Wendy Richmeier

### LECTORS

### OFFERTORY GIFTS

Sun. Oct 16	Benjamin Dome	Amy Pfannenstiel
Sun. Oct 23	Ken Richmeier	John & Natalie Oborny

### GREETERS

Sunday, October 16	Tony & Diana Staley family
Sunday, October 23	Ken & Peggy Richmeier

### COLLECTION TEAM

#### Sunday, October 16

Brian Pfannenstiel, Tony Rohr, Rich Ruder, Josh Waddell

#### Sunday, October 23

Jason Carter, Aaron Dome, Jerry Gross, Randy Werth

### TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

Sunday, October 16	Deanna Leiker
Sunday, October 23	Jeff & Wendy Richmeier
Sunday, October 30	Randy & Michelle Werth
Sunday, November 6	Mark & Dora Leiker

### Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure

Envelopes	\$947.00
Loose	\$49.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$996.00</b>



### REFLECTION FROM DEACON STEVE URBAN

Exodus 17:8-13  
2 Timothy 3:14-4:2  
Luke 18:1-8

An unusual battle tactic in the first reading and an unorthodox approach in a court battle in the Gospel lead to one outcome...God's victory. In the first reading, Joshua and his companions engage Amalek and his people, and their winning formula consists of Moses' hands raised in prayer. While in the Gospel, the poor widow is no match for the evil judge; her persistence in fighting for justice prevails over the wicked judge. So too, for us, in our battles against sin and evil, the only way we can be victorious is to place our trust in God and His will through the power of prayer. Whether we're fighting against sickness, the demons in our hearts, or injustices in our society, prayer is the only means to win the battle. Persistent prayer with hands outstretched is the model Moses and Jesus give us to be victors in this world.

In today's first reading from Exodus, the Israelites are fighting against the Amalekites, a nomadic group of people not mentioned outside the Bible. These Amalekites were considered Israel's constant foe and tried to block Israel's entrance into the land of Canaan but were finally defeated by David. More than mere battle history, this incident relays a religious story. The theme of the reading is God's power and providence are more important to winning these battles than Israel's military prowess. Joshua was successful in his attempt to defeat the Amalekites only if Moses' hands were raised in prayer. Once Moses tired and dropped his hands, Amalek and his people had the better part of the fight. Moses' posture and action is typological of what Jesus, the great mediator, did for us on the cross. With arms outstretched, Jesus offered everlasting prayer on our behalf to God.

Today's Gospel presents us with a wonderful parable about the importance of persistence. Widows along with orphans and the poor had no legal or social status. They would be considered at the bottom of the social stratus. Yet, widows, orphans, and the poor enjoy God's special protection. These symbolize those who rely on the dependence of God for their well being. Scripture scholars point that this woman was probably fighting a battle for her rights against a wealthy and more influential opponent. This judge who had no regard for this poor woman, nor believed in God, was acting underhandedly. Yet, she is persistent in her fight against this evil judge, and the judge relents because he is afraid this woman will give him a black eye. The moral of the parable is to trust in God and his plan even when the situation seems dire. This trust in God is revealed in a posture of constant prayer where our bodies, mind, and heart are raised to God in gratitude and supplication.

So what can we take away from this Sunday's Scripture readings? I think we have to believe in our minds and hearts that prayer is the only way to win the battles we wage in our lives. But this belief must be translated into action in everything we do. That means everyday we must have some sort of prayer practice or prayer schedule. We must find time, even for just a few minutes, for prayer in the morning when we rise, midday maybe around lunch, and then

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finally before retiring. No matter what state in life, we must have a prayer plan that we stick to in good times and bad. Let's raise our bodies, minds, and hearts to God in prayer, and we will be successful on the battlefield of life.

~ Deacon Steve



Knights will be handing out Tootsie Rolls and accepting donations for the mentally challenged following Mass Sunday, Oct. 16th. Please be generous for this worthwhile charity.

**Religious Education:** Class Wednesday 6:30 - 7:30 pm.

**K of C Meeting:** Monday, October 24th at 7:00 p.m

### Catholic Charities Annual Appeal October 15 & 16 Kick Off

*"Adoption is so handwoven by God. There's a child in one mother's womb. She realizes she can't give this child the life that she wants. She then love him enough to let him go. That child is then born from the heart of his adopted mother. When I look at what Bryce has brought to my life, if it was not for Catholic Charities and God orchestrating that connection, Bryce would not be Bryce."*

This quote comes from a woman named Mary Hickman. 21 years old, Mary adopted her son Bryce through Catholic Charities. Since that blessed day, their lives have been enriched in immeasurable ways. This weekend is the 2022 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal—Together, We Can! By donating to the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal, you are ensuring that married couples who like Mary, have always dreamed of having a baby, can receive the gift of parenthood through adoption. These stores of hope cannot happen without YOU. Your support of the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal is essential to the growth and continuation of our mission. To donate, please use the pledge cards and remittance envelopes provided by your parish. You may place your envelope in the collection plate during Mass or mail it directly to Catholic Charities. You can also donate at [ccnks.org/annualappeal](http://ccnks.org/annualappeal). Your support give life to those struggling throughout northern Kansas. Thank you and God Bless! For questions, please contact our Director of Development, Eric Frank, at 785-825-0208 or [efrank@ccnks.org](mailto:efrank@ccnks.org).



**Prayer List:** Special Intentions, Helen Werth, Becky Robben, Maya Gottschalk, Stan Herrmann, Jerome 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. *Let Lilly know when the intention can be removed.*

**NEXT WEEKEND** we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in next week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith

### EVENTS IN THE HEARTLAND

**Katharinenstadt's Essenfest**, German Style Cook-Off, Sunday, October 23, 11:00am - 1:00pm in the Kennedy Cafeteria. Taster Cost: \$5.00 per person, at the door. To register or more info call/text Sarah Shubert at 785-656-2399. Polka



#### All Souls Services

Our Lady Help of Christians, Antonino: Saturday, Oct. 29, at 3:00.

St. Catherine: Sunday, Oct. 30, following 9am

Mass. Donations can be mailed to St. Catherine Church PO Box 18, Catharine, KS 67627. Please make checks payable to St. Catherine Cemetery.

St. Severin Cemetery: Sunday, Oct. 30, at 10:30am, following cemetery services at Catharine. Mail donations to St. Catherine Church PO Box 18, Catharine, KS 67627. Please make checks payable to St. Catherine Cemetery.

St. Anthony, Schoenchen: Sunday, Oct 30 at Noon

St. Francis of Assisi: Wednesday, Nov 2, at 6:00 at the cemetery.

St. Joseph, Hays: Sunday, Nov. 6 at 12:00 by the cemetery crucifix.

**The K of C Bishop Cunningham Assembly** annual Memorial Mass 5:00 p.m., Saturday, November 12, at IHM Church, Hays. Banquet following Mass in the HFE Little Theater. Banquet tickets are \$20.00 a person. Dinner begins at 7:00pm. Menu: honey pecan chicken, potato, salad, vegetables, and desert. **RSVP** to Brad Stramel by Mon, November 7th. **2023 membership dues** notice went out via email with the newsletter. Send dues payment to Bradley Stramel at IHM parish office or mail to 3700 Hillcrest Dr. Hays.

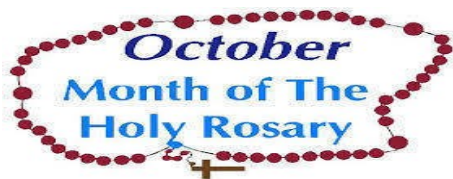
**Stars & Stripes Breakfast** Sunday, November 13th from 7:30am – Noon, Hays VFW. A portion of the ticket sales go to the Ellis VFW and VFW Auxiliary, purchase before the event from Jenny Holmgren at 785-650-7270.



**Annual Coat Drive.** Coats, hats, and gloves in good condition. Greatest need is for kid's coats. Drop off Oct 3 - 22 at Top Notch Cleaners & Master Cleaners. Give away day, Sat., Oct. 29th 9 - 2 pm.

When the world says 'give up,' hope whispers 'one more try' and this special presentation.

" Recognizing that there have been MANY personal losses over these past couple of years, the Ellis D. of I. ladies invite EVERYONE to a special presentation on Tuesday, Oct. 25., at 7 p.m. at the Ellis K of C Hall. A guest speaker from the Center for Life Experiences in Hays will give information about the support groups and educational resources they can provide. A short demonstration on creating a memorial display or a memorial garden will also be given. For more info, please contact Margie Mickelson at 785-726-1280 or Gini Augustine at 785-726-4257. **This event is open to ALL -- not just D. of I. members. We encourage men and women, Catholics and non-Catholics, old and young to at-**



#### Rachel's Vineyard Retreats

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#### CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



#### HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Rachel Wentling, Principal  
(785) 625-3131

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| Oct. 24 | Fall Picture retakes, in uniform  |
| Oct. 25 | Parent Teacher Conferences        |
| Oct. 27 | No Preschool                      |
|         | Early release - 1:15              |
|         | Parent Teacher Conferences 2-6 pm |
| Oct. 28 | No School                         |



#### THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN

Chad Meitner, Principal

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

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| Oct 18 | School Advisory Council 4 – 5:30 pm |
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**TMP-M PTF Soup Supper.** Sunday, October 23rd, 4-7 pm.  
Menu: Chili, green bean dumpling, sandwiches and cinnamon rolls. Carry out available. Free will donations.

**Annual Bierocks & Cookie Dough Sale.** October 28th.  
Deadline to order is October 18th. Contact Kim Stecklein in the advancement office to place order.

**Theotokos Catholic Homeschool Co-op** if you have questions or need to rsvp (all events require rsvp) contact Samantha Baker at 785-639-3285 or 13sjbaker@gmail.com. All Thursday's Mass 8 am at IHM, activity to follow.

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| Oct 17 | 3 pm, ARK Park Play                      |
| Oct 19 | 3-4 pm, Pumpkin Patch field trip (Ellis) |

#### 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.*



# Tony Melendez in Concert



Sunday, November 20, 2022

Immaculate Heart of Mary  
Church

3:00 p.m.—4:30 p.m.

6 Recording Albums

*Never Be The Same*

*Ways of The Wise*

*El Muro se Callo*

Originally from Rivas, Nicaragua, born without arms and a clubbed foot due to the drug, Thalidomide. Tony's mother was prescribed this drug for morning sickness by her doctor and had no idea how it would affect her unborn son. At the age of one Tony's family immigrated to the USA so Tony could have corrective surgery on his left foot in order for him to walk.

Tony travels with his brother Jose and together they share with young and old their message of hope, encouragement, and faith. Tony's message and story are presented with music and his personal life stories. As they continue to travel they focus on young people by going into elementary, Jr. high schools, high schools, colleges and universities.

Tony moved from California and now resides in Branson with his wife Lynn and two kids, Marisa and Andres. Despite all the travel over the last 31 years, Tony continues to resist the siren song of stardom, hoping only to develop his musical career and share his God given gifts. "I don't feel like a celebrity," he says with a smile, "I just feel like me!"

