

# St. Francis of Assisi Church

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



## PASTOR

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## PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

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## FINANCE/PASTORAL COUNCIL

### CHAIRPERSON

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Joseph Pfannenstiel 785-259-2762

## ART & ENVIRONMENT

Ann Pfannenstiel 785-628-8458  
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## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

### GRAND KNIGHT

Kevin Stramel 785-623-7101

## CHRISTIAN MOTHERS PRESIDENT

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

Thomas More Prep-Marian 785-625-6577

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



**Sunday, January 7, 2024 ~ The Epiphany of the Lord**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Sun. Jan 7	8:00 am	+Cody Younger
Wed. Jan 10	7:30 am	+Curt Pfannenstiel
Sun. Jan 14	8:00 am	L/D Ken & Peggy Richmeier family
Wed. Jan 17		>>> NO MASS <<<

**SERVERS**

Sun Jan. 7	Jacob Leiker & Logan Leiker
Sun Jan. 14	Cali Richmeier & Rafe Richmeier

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Sun. Jan 7	Lilly B, Lauren M, Wendy R, Michelle W.
Sun. Jan 14	Ernie B, Jenalyn L, Josh W, Tina W.

<b>LECTORS</b>	<b>OFFERTORY GIFTS</b>
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Sun Jan 7	Natalie Oborny	Jeanette Pfannenstiel
Sun Jan 14	Brian Pfannenstiel	Amy Pfannenstiel

**GREETERS**

Sun Jan 7	Jeff & Wendy Richmeier
Sun Jan 14	Tony & Patty Rohr

**COLLECTION TEAM**

**Sunday, January 7**

Larry Koirth, Nathan Leiker, Gary Staab, Neal Younger

**Sunday, January 14**

Blake Leiker, John Moeder, Trenton Staley, Randy Werth

**TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS**

Sunday, January 7	Darold & Evelyn Younker
Sunday, January 14	Jason & Rose Carter
Sunday, January 21	Glenn & Rhonda Stramel
Sunday, January 28	Linda Gross

**Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure**

Envelopes	\$1,695.00	<b>New Years</b>	
Loose	\$253.00	Envelopes	\$420.00
		Loose	\$70.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,948.00</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$490.00</b>

**Fr. Damian's Work Schedule  
December 2023**

Visits: 14  
 Holy Hours: 25  
 Fast & Abstain: 17  
 Confessions: 278  
 Went to Confession 12/11; 12/20; 12/30  
 Anointings: 104

**Weekly Schedule:**

Monday: 7:00am Mass  
 Tuesday: 7:00 am Mass; 9:45 am TMP Administration Mtg  
 Wednesday: 7:30 am Mass in Munjor; 1:30 pm Mass at Homestead; 6:15 pm CCD classes  
 Thursday: 7:00 am Mass/8:00 am TMP Mass; 2:30 pm Visit HFE 2<sup>nd</sup>; 6:30 Presence Eucharist Series  
 Friday: 7:00 am Mass/9:45 am TMP Mass; 8:30-noon: Confessions during Adoration  
 Saturday: 4:00 Confessions; 5:00 Mass  
 Sunday: 7:30 am Munjor Confessions; 8:00 am Munjor Mass; 9:00 am Confessions; 9:30 am Mass; 10:30 am Confessions; 11:00 am Mass

12/5 Hospital Visits  
 12/6 Hospital Visits  
 12/7 & 8: Masses for Immaculate Conception  
 12/8 Gave Blood  
 12/10 FHSU Chorale @ Victoria  
 12/11 Hospital Visit with Apostolic Pardon  
 12/11 Buildings & Grounds Committee Meeting  
 12/12 Funeral for Fr. Basil Torres  
 12/12 Hospital Visits  
 12/13 Hospital Visits  
 12/13 Capstone Project Interviews at TMP  
 12/14 Hospital Visit with Apostolic Pardon  
 12/16 IHM Sisters Open House on Catechesis of the Good Shepherd  
 12/17 Penance Service at St. Joseph's  
 12/17 Hospital Visit with Apostolic Pardon & Prayers for the Dying  
 12/18 School Finance Council meeting  
 12/18 & 19: Judy Penka Vigil & Funeral  
 12/20 Buried Edith & Wayne Leiker in Munjor  
 12/21 Hospital Visits  
 12/23 Helped decorate Church  
 12/24 & 25: 5:00 pm Vigil at St. Nick's, 7:00 pm Vigil at Munjor; 9:30 am at St. Nick's; 11:15 at Hospital  
 12/25: Hospital Visits  
 12/26 Parish Council Christmas Party  
 12/27 Hospital Visits  
 12/28 Hospital Visit  
 12/28 Visited Parishioners at Via Christi, Willow House  
 12/30 Hospital Visit  
 Read: "Gigi"  
 Watched: "Prince of Egypt: The Musical"  
 Watched: "Chicken Run 2"

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states in paragraph 528: "The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Savior of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (magi) from the East, together with his baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee." Through celebration of the Epiphany, we are reminded of the Divinity of Christ. Let this guide us as we look at these three events in helping us live out our faith life.

The Magi are drawn to Jesus by the sign given to them - the star. The Sacraments are the efficacious signs by which God's graces are given to us to lead us and bring us closer to Him. As we live our daily lives through the Sacraments, we should be shining stars of Christ's love to this world that we may draw others to Him.

In Christ's baptism, we see the Holy Spirit descend upon Him as God proclaims "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." Through our baptism, united to Christ's, we have become sons and daughters of God. John the baptizer proclaims "the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals." Following in his footsteps, we must humbly die to self and live for Christ if we are to claim God as our Father and join Jesus in His mission. Let us pray daily: "Lord, let me decrease, that you may increase."

With the wedding feast at Cana, much could be said about Christ's love for the couple and the gift of this miracle bringing Matrimony to the state of a Sacrament. However, I would like to quote Dr. Brant Pitre as he points out that as Christ shows His first public miracle in turning water into wine, "He is revealing that He is the bridegroom. He is the Divine Bridegroom who has come in person to inaugurate the great wedding supper of the lamb, the feast of salvation, the banquet of the kingdom of God." As Christ is the Bridegroom of the Church, what are we doing to prepare to receive Him every time we celebrate His Eucharistic feast, and for our union with Him in eternity?

May these thoughts guide us in this new year to follow Christ and bring others to Him.

~ *Cody Marintzer*



Coffee, rolls and conversation following Mass hosted by the Parish.

**Religious Education:** Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.



**Women of the Parish:** The Christian Mothers *After Christmas Get Together* will be held Sunday, January 21st at 12:30 in the Parish Hall. Lunch will be provided. Check your email, or the invitation, for more details.



Larry Roda, Kenny Pfannenstiel, Carol Legleiter, Special Intentions, Becky Robben, Maya Gottschalk, 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.

## EVENTS IN THE HEARTLAND

**Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel** We are looking for adoration substitutes. Please consider and pray to be a substitute for those who have an hour, or to commit to one hour of your own. To sign up or get more info, please feel free to contact Brian & Michelle DeWitt by text or calling 785-625-2481 or emailing dewittfamilyks@gmail.com

**4 HOURS OPEN:** Saturday 2:00AM-3:00AM  
Saturday 7:00PM-8:00PM  
Wednesday 12:00AM-1:00AM  
Thursday 1:00AM-2:00AM



**Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit?...** Therefore honor God with your bodies." – I Corinthians 6:19-20

It's time to spruce up the "temple." Get stronger for good health!

Sign up for an eight-week, energizing Stay Strong, Stay Healthy program. This health program is being offered to help you move & get stronger for your health! Adults of all fitness levels are encouraged to participate. In 2024, both Level 1 and Level 2 will be offered.

Stay Strong, Stay Healthy Level 1 is an evidence-based program to help individuals learn basic balance and strength-training exercises. Level 2 builds on the strength, flexibility, balance, and knowledge learned in Level 1.

Come to the orientation class Jan. 9, at 10am, at Cottonwood Extension District, 601 Main Street and check out the program to see if it's for you. All the equipment is provided. You can sign up at the orientation class or stop by the office at 601 Main St between 8-12 and 1-5

Take this opportunity to take better care of your health and join others for this fun program. The group will begin meeting twice weekly on Jan. 16, at Cottonwood Extension District office, 601 Main Street. (Level 1 Tues/Thurs @ 11am and Level 2 Tues/Thur. @ 9:30am) Each class is approximately an hour long. For more information contact Monique Koerner at 785-628-9430 or [moniquek@ksu.edu](mailto:moniquek@ksu.edu). *K-State Research & Extension is an equal opportunity provider and employer.*



**FREE DENTAL CLEANING:** Valerie Dome is a dental hygiene student at Colby Community College and is looking for patients who are interested in a free dental cleaning! Three to four appointments are required in Colby and you do not need dental insurance for this service. For more information contact Valerie at 785-639-1708.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Mandy Meagher Principal  
(785) 625-3131



- Jan 8 Home & School Mtg 7:00 pm
- Jan 11 July Birthday Mass & Lunch - Vision Scrng K-2nd
- Jan 15 NO SCHOOL - Inservice Day
- Jan 25 Jan. Birthday Mass & Lunch - Vision Screening
- Jan 28 Chili Supper & Bazar 11:00 - 2:00 pm
- Jan 28 - Feb 2 Catholic Schools Week

THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN

Chad Meitner, Principal

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



**Host an International Student!** Thomas More Prep-Marian High School is looking for host families to host students from Argentina from Jan. 6 – Feb. 11. If you're interested in hosting an international student and would like more information, please contact local representative: Michele Springer at [mspringer@team.nacelopendoor.org](mailto:mspringer@team.nacelopendoor.org) or 785-259-3083.

Report allegations of the abuse of a minor to the Department of Children and Families  
800.922.5330  
KBI Crime Hotline  
800.572.7463

If you suspect abuse of a minor by church or school personnel, in addition to contacting civil authorities, the diocese provides a confidential  
Hotline: 866.752.8855 ext.1067  
Website: [reportandprotect.com](http://reportandprotect.com)  
Email: [reportabuse@salinadiocese.org](mailto:reportabuse@salinadiocese.org)  
Reports will be responded to promptly by the Victim Assistance Coordinator

To report an incident of sexual abuse and related misconduct by a Bishop or Religious Superior currently or in the past, the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Services provides a confidential  
Hotline: 800.276.1562  
Website: [reportbishopabuse.org](http://reportbishopabuse.org)

The Diocese of Salina complies with Kansas laws regarding reporting suspected abuse to civil authorities and cooperates with civil authorities investigating reports of suspected abuse by all persons, including but not limited to Church Personnel.



Questions regarding reporting should be directed the Safe Environment Office  
Diocese of Salina -785.827. 8746

*"God is light; and in him there is no darkness. If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another."*  
1 John 1:5-7



BIBLE REFLECTION ~ STEWARDSHIP GOAL

*"They fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."* - Matthew 2:11

Notice the order of events in the Magi's visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know

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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.*



# YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY ADULT

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SALINA

**JANUARY 27TH  
7:00PM-11:00PM**

## **WHO?**

YOUNG ADULTS AGES 18 +

## **WHAT?**

SOCIAL EVENT TO MEET NEW PEOPLE FROM  
AROUND THE SALINA DIOCESE. DANCING,  
GAMES AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED!  
CASH BAR/VENMO FOR DRINKS  
DANCE ATTIRE IS RECCOMENDED

## **WHERE?**

THE SULLIVAN AT UNITED CAPITAL PLAZA  
227 N SANTA FE AVE, SALINA, KS 67401



## **Vacancy, CEO**

Catholic Foundation for the  
Diocese of Salina

**Together, let us be disciples on mission.**

Sharing the love of God is core to this opportunity. As a CEO, you will be the driving force in advancing the mission of the Catholic Diocese of Salina.

- ✓ **Have you been praying about your career? Looking for something that leverages your ability to build trust and relationships?**
- ✓ **Do you recognize that you do have the gifts and skills to help move the mission forward? Are you optimistic about the Diocese of Salina and its future?**
- ✓ **Have you had thoughts about making a career change, but haven't seen clearly where that path is yet? Do you have a conviction about our Catholic faith and some awareness of our needs?**
- ✓ **Call the Chancery and learn more about this opportunity at 785-342-0819. Talk to Kim about this transformational possibility.**