

# St. Francis of Assisi Church

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



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## CHRISTIAN MOTHERS PRESIDENT

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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)

**Sunday, May 11, 2025 ~ Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Sun. May 11    8:00 am    L/D Christian Mothers  
 Wed. May 14    7:30 am    +Danny Pfannenstiel, Jr.  
 Sun. May 18    8:00 am    +Tony Seib  
 Wed. May 21    7:30 am    +Henry & Loretta Stecklein

**SERVERS**

Sun May 11    Jacob Leiker & Logan Leiker  
 Sun May 18    Hayley Gerstner & Reylyn Leiker

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Sun May 11    John M, Glenn S, Peggy R, Deacon Steve  
 Sun May 18    Jenalyn L, Ken R, Rhonda S, Michelle W.

**LECTORS                      OFFERTORY GIFTS**

Sun May 11    Julie Richmeier    Aaron & Kolleen Dome  
 Sun May 18    Brian Pfannenstiel    Jason & Kacy Gerstner

**GREETERS**

Sun May 11    Randy & Michelle Werth  
 Sun May 18    Darold & Evelyn Younker

**COLLECTION TEAM**

**Sunday, May 11**

Wilbert Gross, Blake Leiker, Mark Leiker, Tony Rohr

**Sunday, May 18**

David Leiker, Nathan Leiker, Jeff Richmeier, Randy Werth

| <b>Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure</b> |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| Envelopes                              | \$1,525.00        |
| Loose                                  | \$98.00           |
| <b>Total</b>                           | <b>\$1,623.00</b> |



**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS**

**Throughout the Easter season, our readings have given us glimpses into the life of the newborn Church and the bold witness of the early disciples in spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ to all who would listen.**

The disciples were the first to live a stewardship way of life, and their example is as relevant today as it was 2,000 years ago.

In the First Reading, from the Acts of the Apostles, we catch up with Paul and Barnabas in Antioch. While they certainly have some success in reaching many people there with the message of salvation, others are downright infuriated by their words and send them packing. Yet, we read that “the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.” Overall, it seems as if Paul and Barnabas had failed in Antioch. But seeing failure has not robbed them of their joy. What’s more, they are filled to the brim with the abundant gifts of the Holy Spirit. How is this possible?

It is only possible because Paul and Barnabas saw themselves as nothing more and nothing less than stewards of Christ and His Good News. This realization brought them freedom — to offer themselves and their lives to others for the sake of the Gospel. The “results” of their efforts were up to God.

This Spirit-filled, joy-filled life is available to us all today. It can be achieved when we recognize, as did Paul and Barnabas, that all we have and all we are is a gift from God, meant to be shared with others for His glory. Of course, living as God’s stewards does not guarantee a life of ease or a life free of sacrifice. Sometimes the steward’s life involves challenges, requiring all the strength and love one has to give. In the end, there is simply no more satisfying way to live.

**@Catholic Stewardship Consultants**

[www.CatholicSteward.com](http://www.CatholicSteward.com)



The Knights of Columbus will serve breakfast on Mother’s Day, May 11th in the Munjor School Gym, immediately after Mass. Everyone is welcome.



Beginning on Mothers Day and throughout the month of May you are welcome/invited to bring fresh flowers to place by the statue of Mary which will be in the sanctuary area.

**Council Member Election in June.** Two of the three members are open to serve another term leaving one vacancy. If you would like to be on the ballot along with the two current members, let a council member or Lilly know, or drop the name in the collection basket. Thank you!

**Christian Mothers Meeting** Sunday, May 18th following Mass. Last meeting until September.

**K of C Meeting**, Monday May 19th 7:00 pm. Last meeting until September.

*Begin each day with a Grateful Heart!*

**Special thanks to the volunteers** who take care of the church grounds and cemetery. Your gifts of time are greatly appreciated. Additional volunteers would certainly be welcome!



Niki Sauer, Amy Moeder, Amber Lacewell, Mike Suppes, 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.*

Please let Lilly know when the intention can be removed.

**Family Perspective ...Bud Ozar**

Today's gospel reminds us to be shepherds for our children who depend on us to be their guides and role models. Where are we leading them? When they "hear our voice" what message do they hear?

**Bible Reflection ~ Stewardship Goal**

*"The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit." (ACTS 13:52)*

The disciples heard Our Lord's call and were able to spread the Gospel message with strength and vitality. We, too, can experience that same joy if we make room for the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts. When we use our gifts in the way that God intends, He fills us with supernatural joy. A joy that others notice and are attracted to!



*May  
Month of Mary,  
Our Blessed Mother*

**EVENTS IN THE HEARTLAND**



**Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas will be conducting their 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Baby Bottle Campaign** from Mother's Day weekend, May 10-11th to Father's Day weekend, June-14-15<sup>th</sup>. This campaign provides support to mothers in our communities facing economic struggles, giving them access to critical resources so they can provide for their babies.

Your contributions support:

Pregnancy Services That Include Emergency Assistance, Counseling Support, Adoption Guidance

Several other options are also available to participate:

Mail a check:

Catholic Charities

C/O Baby Bottle Campaign

P.O. Box 1366

Salina, KS 67402-1366

If you prefer, you can donate via Venmo by scanning the QR code below or visiting our venmo account @catholiccharitiesofnk. Please be sure to include "Baby Bottle 25" in the description of your transaction. You can also give online at [ccnks.org/babybottle](http://ccnks.org/babybottle).

All money stays local and helps people who need our services the most. Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas – serving those of ALL faiths for over 60 years!

**ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY**

Our maintenance crew will be preparing the cemetery for mowing and trimming. Please remove any items that are not attached to the monument in order for the staff to mow the cemetery. We ask that you pick up all items by **Monday, May 12**. Thank you!

**Messenger - Catholic Books & Gifts** Update Store Hours  
Change in May Starting Monday, May 12th we will be closed on Mondays and extending our Saturday Hours. (Weekend online orders will still ship Monday or Tuesday, depending on the order queue)

Tuesday - Friday: 10:00 - 5:30PM

Saturdays: 9:00 - 3:30PM

Sundays: Closed

Mondays: Closed



**Heartland Parish Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession**  
Sponsored by Immaculate Heart of Mary - Sunday, June 22 at 3:00 p.m.

All the faithful are invited to come and process with Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

*O Sacrament most Holy, O Sacrament Divine,*

*All praise and all thanksgiving, Be every moment Thine!*

**Perpetual Adoration Chapel openings:**

Sunday @ 12pm (Noon) OPEN  
Sunday @ 4pm (Needs second adorer)  
Saturday @ 1pm (Needs second adorer)  
Saturday @ 3pm OPEN  
Saturday @ 12am (Midnight) OPEN  
Contact Geri Rupp 785-639-5588

**Mark Your Calendars!** Immaculate Heart of Mary Monthly Breakfast When: Sunday, May 18th Time : 8:30 AM till 12:00 PM Where : IHM Parish Hall Free Will Offering Items For Your Tastebuds ... Scrambled Eggs - Sausage - Bacon Hash Browns - Biscuits & Gravy All Invited for food and fellowship.

**Fr. Daryl's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration** is Sunday, June 8 at St. Boniface Church in Tipton. 4pm Mass 5:30pm Dinner in the Tipton Community Center 7 to 9pm Music and Dancing  
I hope you can all make it. I look forward to seeing you all there.  
*May God bless you,  
Fr. Daryl Omstead*

**CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS**



**HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY**

Mandy Meagher Principal  
(785) 625-3131

- May 12 New Preschooler Open House  
Field Day & BBQ Lunch Outside
- May 13 5th Gr Recognition Mass 8am.Awards follow  
5th Gr Last Day of School
- May 14 Kindergarten Field Trip—Fun Day around Hays
- May 15 Last Day Of School Dismiss at 11:00 am  
Teacher Milestones Recognized at Mass 8am  
Teacher Checkouts—Office Closes at 11:45 am
- May 16 Teacher Checkouts



**THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN**

Chad Meitner, Principal

Melissa Schoepf, Jr. High Assistant Principal  
(785) 625-6577

- May 12 Seniors Finals 1/2 Day
- May 13 Seniors Finals 1/2 Day
- May 14 HS Finals 1/2 Day  
6:45 - 9:45 Senior Sunset
- May 15 HS Finals 1/2 Day  
6 - 9 Fall Musical Auditions
- May 16 6 - 9 Fall Musical Auditions

*Life is too short  
to be anything but happy.*



**A Prayer for Mothers.**

Good and Gentle God, we pray in gratitude for our mothers who have joined with you in the wonder of bringing forth new life. You who became human through a woman, grant to all mothers the courage they need to face

the uncertain future that life with children can bring. Give them the strength to live and to be loved in return, not perfectly, but humanly. Give them the faithful support of husband, family and friends as they care for the physical and spiritual growth of their children. Give them joy and delight in their children to sustain them through the trials of motherhood. Most of all, give them the wisdom to turn to you for help when they need it most.

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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.*

# Catholic Rural Life invites you to participate in a Virtual Novena for St. Isidore



May 6-14  
7:00 PM  
CDT

Scan QR to join  
by Zoom

## Novena Leaders

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**5/6:** Bishop Vincke, Diocese of Salina.

**5/7:** St. Xavier's Living Water Ministry, Junction City.

**5/8:** Sisters of St. Joseph, Concordia.

**5/9:** Fr. John Stang, Dodge City.

**5/10:** Fr. Damien Richards, Sacred Heart Parish, Plainville.

**5/11:** St. Mary's Parish, Smith Center.

**5/12:** TBA

**5/13:** TBA

**5/14:** Fr. Quentin Schmitz, St. Gregory the Great, Marysville.