

# 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 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, April 9, 2023 ~ Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Sun. April 9	8:00 am	+Edward & Oliva Pfannenstiel
Wed. April 12	7:30 am	+John Zimmerman
Sun. April 16	8:00 am	+Carol Schlegel
Wed. April 19	7:30 am	+Mary Ann Befort

**SERVERS**

Sunday, April 9	Ahnalyn Leiker & Reylyn Leiker
Sunday, April 16	Jacob Leiker & Rexton Leiker

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Sun. April 9	Nathan L, Rhonda S, Josh W, Michelle W.
Sun. April 16	Jenalyn L, John M, Peggy R, Glenn S.

**LECTORS                      OFFERTORY GIFTS**

Sun. April 9	Natalie Oborny	Randy & Niki Sauer
Sun. Apr 16	Lilly Binder	Tony & Patty Rohr

**GREETERS**

Sunday, April 9	Kenny & Ann Pfannenstiel
Sunday, April 16	Jeff & Wendy Richmeier

**COLLECTION TEAM**

**Sunday, April 9**

Blake Leiker, Greg Pfannenstiel, Glenn Stramel, Neal Younger

**Sunday, April 16**

Larry Koirth, Mark Leiker, John Oborny, Kenny Pfannenstiel

**TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS**

Sunday, April 9	Randy & Michelle Werth
Sunday, April 16	Darold & Evelyn Younker
Sunday, April 23	Ken & Peggy Richmeier
Sunday, April 30	Deanna Leiker

**Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure**

Envelopes	\$1,724.00
Loose	\$237.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,961.00</b>



**REFLECTION FROM DEACON STEVE URBAN**

**Act of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43**

**Colossians 3: 1-4**

**John 20:1-9**

“He saw and believed.” This simple line attributed to the apostle John or the disciple whom Jesus loved is a powerful testament of faith. For the followers of Jesus did not in any way expect resurrection. They left Golgotha afraid and concerned for their own safety. With Jesus’ death, all hope for him as savior was ended. It was all over. Yet, on the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala discovers the empty tomb and goes running to the two disciples...Simon Peter and the disciple whom Jesus loved. As they peered into the tomb and saw the burial cloths, their hearts were opened to the marvelous revelation that God had raised up Jesus from the dead. And they believed! How often in our lives, we come face to face with death, maybe the death of a dream, of an important relationship, someone we love dearly, and God shows us resurrection and new life. We must believe that our God never leaves us in death. Death is never the end because God raised Jesus and raises us also to new life. Are we not the disciple whom Jesus loved and is not our response the same as in today’s reading, “He saw and believed.”

Our first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles which we will read from each Sunday throughout the Easter season. Today’s reading is Peter’s speech on the occasion of Cornelius and his household being baptized into the Christian faith. It is a high-stylized, theological speech given not only to Cornelius and his household but all future readers of Acts. This event at Cornelius’ house is symbolic of God’s design, according to the evangelist Luke, to bring all peoples not just Jews to salvation. The story was about Cornelius’ conversion, but it speaks about God’s desire to bring all to salvation. And what was the message that Jesus came to bring? Peter succinctly describes it as this: Jesus was empowered by God to conquer evil and the devil. Jesus was crucified and died, but this was not the end, for God raised him up, and Peter and the apostolic witnesses are now sent to proclaim to all mankind the saving power of God. God through Jesus has brought forgiveness of sins and life where there was death and sin. It is an occasion of great joy not only for Cornelius and his household but for us also.

In John’s Gospel, this empty tomb scene is not one of joy but of fear. Mary of Magdala goes to the tomb by herself and sees that the stone has been removed. Again, not thinking that Jesus would be raised from the dead, Mary instead thinks someone has come and stolen the body. She hurries to tell Peter, the leader of the apostles, and the beloved disciple. They come running to the empty tomb and find the burial cloths but no sign of Jesus. But after discovering the empty tomb, the disciple whom Jesus loved is brought to the first glimmer of faith in Jesus’ resurrection. Like this beloved disciple, we too need to start the journey of faith trusting in Jesus’ power to save and restore to life that which had died.

So often when we think of resurrection, we think that only Jesus was raised up. But by his death and resurrection and the grace of our baptism, we too are raised up to new

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life. It is not something we merely wait for until we die. God has freed us in this life and restored our hope. God wants to show us that in all areas of our life that we think are dead and hopeless, there can be and is resurrection and newness of life. But we have to believe and trust. We must be willing to let go of our hopelessness and fear and put our trust in God's power to do all things. Resurrection is the pattern in which we must follow Jesus. Let's start today on Easter and continue throughout our lives.

~ Deacon Steve

**Religious Education:** Wednesday 6:30 pm

**Pastoral Council Meeting** - Tuesday, April 18th 6:30 pm.

**On February 22, 1931, Sister Faustina**, a Polish nun, had a vision of Jesus as the Divine Mercy. Later, she was told Jesus wanted the Second Sunday of Easter declared "Divine Mercy Sunday." On April 30, 2000 Pope John Paul II canonized Sister Faustina, and named the second Sunday Divine Mercy Sunday. You can receive an indulgence on Divine Mercy Sunday if you take part in the Divine Mercy devotions held in church. We will be praying the Divine Mercy chaplet before Mass on Divine Mercy Sunday. There is the Divine Mercy Service at 3pm, at IHM Church. To receive the indulgence, you must also go to confession, go to communion and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father.

**PRAYER FOR MOISTURE:** O God, our Creator, you are the source of all life. We pray to you who calms the raging waters and commands the wind, to provide us sufficient rain to quench our parched land. We pray for moisture that will sustain our crops and land. Help us always be good stewards of your creation and to care for the many resources of this earth. We ask for these blessings through the intercession of Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth. Amen

*St. Isidore, Patron of Farmers and Farm Life—Pray for Us.*

**Stewardship Renewal Forms: 37% have been returned.** All parishioners are asked to complete them and return as soon as possible. ***What gifts of time, talent and treasure will you share?*** Thank you to those who have already returned theirs.

### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

*"Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'" John 20:19*

Are you good at making people feel welcome? When you meet someone new, like a new neighbor, a new work colleague or a new parishioner, do you make them feel at home? When we make people feel welcome, we make them feel like they are included instead of being excluded. We are made for relationships – with God and each other. When you see yourself as a beloved son or daughter of God, you tend to see others the same way, too – just as God, Our Father, sees us.

### EVENTS IN THE HEARTLAND



#### Divine Mercy Sunday

The Divine Mercy Prayer Service will be held at **3 p.m., Sunday, April 16**, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. The hour will include Eucharistic Exposition, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy in song, litany of prayers and meditation. Jesus entrusted Saint Maria Faustina with the task of spreading the message of his Divine Mercy through a series of visions and interior locutions in the 1930s. When Pope John Paul II canonized Saint Faustina April 30, 2000, he declared the Sunday after Easter to be Divine Mercy Sunday and an official feast day of the Church. **Everyone is encouraged to pray the novena to the Divine Mercy, which begins on Good Friday. Leaflets on this novena are in the brochure rack of the church. CONFESSIONS WILL BE HEARD BEGINNING AT 2 p.m.** This prayer service is sponsored by Divine Mercy Radio.

#### Daughters of Isabella 100th Anniversary!

**THIS IS FOR EVERYONE. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A D OF I MEMBER.** No tickets will be sold after April 14, 2023.

Daughters of Isabella, Isabella Circle #254 will be celebrating their 100th Anniversary Saturday, April 22, 2023, Rose Garden Banquet Hall; 2350 E. 8th St. Social hour 5:30 pm and Meal following at 6:30 pm. Guest speaker, Tom Krause, who is a contributing author to the Chicken Soup for the Soul book series. This event is open to the public. Tickets are on sale now for \$35.00 per ticket. Please contact Peggy Feltis 785-628-1336, Janet Koerner 785-623-3407, Barbara Zimmerman 785-628-8074, Donnetta Pfeifer 785-628-1094, or Geri Zerr 785-432-1028. An Anniversary Mass will be on Sunday, April 23 at 10:00 am at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church.

**The Antonino Cemetery Association Annual Meeting** will be Monday, April 17, at 8 p.m., in the Antonino church basement. All interested persons are welcome to attend.

**The Sunflower Polka Club** is hosting a Polka event on Sun, April 30, Wes Windholz Band will play from 2 to 5pm, at the Hays VFW Hall. \$10.00 for non-members, open to the public. Put on your dancing shoes and join the fun!



Matt Shorman, Rick Werth, Carol Legleiter, Special Intentions, Helen Werth, Becky Robben, Maya Gottschalk, Stan 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. ***Please let Lilly know when the intention can be removed.***

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

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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

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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)

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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.



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

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*"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*



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## CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



### HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Rachel Wentling, Principal  
(785) 625-3131

April 10 NO SCHOOL - *Easter Break*  
April 11 Easter Activities Gr. K & 1st  
April 12 Early Release; 1:15



### THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN

Chad Meitner, Principal

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

April 10 No School—Easter Monday  
April 12 Early Release JH @ 1:00 HS @ 1:05

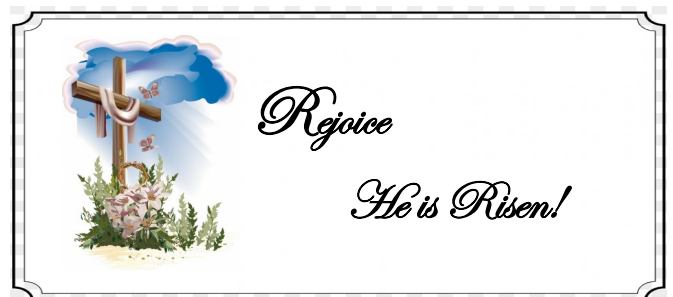
#### Job Openings TMP-Marian

- ◆ TMP-Marian seeking full-time front office administrative assistant.

Interested candidates should submit their cover letter and resume to principal Chad Meitner at [meitnerc@tmpmarian.org](mailto:meitnerc@tmpmarian.org) or 1701 Hall Street, Hays, KS 67601.

- ◆ The Alumni/Advancement Office of Thomas More Prep-Marian Jr/Sr High School is seeking a full-time Finance Coordinator.
- ◆ The Alumni/Advancement Office of Thomas More Prep-Marian Jr/Sr High School is seeking a full-time Alumni Coordinator.

For more info contact Mason Ruder, Advancement Director at 785-621-5427 or at [ruderm@tmpmarian.org](mailto:ruderm@tmpmarian.org).



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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.*





# HUMAN TRAFFICKING is HUMAN SLAVERY

**Learn More:** Victoria High School Auditorium  
**Wednesday:** May 3, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

All high school students and adults are welcome.

**WHAT IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING?** ...a modern-day form of slavery involving the buying and selling of persons; the fastest growing criminal industry in the world. It is based on recruiting, harboring, and transporting people for the purpose of exploitation.

There are multiple ways persons are used as products or merchandise, including:

- Organ trafficking
- Forced marriages
- Mail order brides
- Children as soldiers
- Debt bondage

This multi-billion-dollar business is sustained by the GREED of traffickers and the PLEASURE of buyers.

**VICTIMS** - Trafficking victims can be anyone. They can live in small towns or large cities; economically well off or poor. They may be US citizens or come from any country in the world. Victims are persons who are often deceived by grooming, a technique, used by pimps to establish a relationship, ultimately leading to exploiting persons for sex, labor, or ways of making money.

Most vulnerable:

- Runaways
- People living in poverty
- Refugees who do not know our language
- Children from dysfunctional families
- People who identify as LGBTQ
- Children in the foster and juvenile system

**SPEAKER:** Margaret Nacke, a Sister of St. Joseph of Concordia, KS., founded U S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking ten years ago, a faith-based national network that offers education, supports access to survivor services, and engages in advocacy to end modern-day slavery. Recently Sister received the Radical Abolitionist Award from the S.O.A.P. project (Save our Adolescents from Prostitution), a project committed to survivor-centered approach to ending human trafficking. Sister Nacke has educated the public about the way people are bought, sold and discarded as human beings.

(Free will offering.)

**Sponsors:** St. Fidelis Christian Mothers/Altar Society  
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