

# St. Francis of Assisi Church

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



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## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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Kevin Stramel 623-7107

## 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 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. Nov 7 8:00 am L/D Edward J. Ruder  
 Wed. Nov 10 7:30 am +Steve & Aaron Pfannenstiel  
 Sun. Nov 14 8:00 am +David Hertel  
 Wed. Nov 17 7:30 am L/D Walter & Martina Younger family

**SERVERS**

Sunday, Nov. 7 Wyatt Gerstner & Rafe Richmeier  
 Sunday, Nov. 14 Benjamin Dome & Ahnalyne Leiker

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Sunday, Nov 7 Nathan Leiker & Lauren Moeder  
 Sunday, Nov 14 Bea Suppes & Michelle Werth

**LECTORS**

**OFFERTORY GIFTS**

Sun. Nov 7 Natalie Oborny Linda Gross  
 Sun. Nov 14 Ernie Binder Jerry & Sylvia Gross

**GREETERS**

Sunday, Nov 7 Jason & Kacy Gerstner  
 Sunday, Nov 14 Linda Gross

**COLLECTION TEAM**

**Sunday, November 7**

Jason Carter, Kenny Pfannenstiel, Rich Ruder, Brandon Zimmerman

**Sunday, November 14**

Aaron Dome, John Oborny, Sid Steinert, Josh Waddell

**TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS**

Sunday, Nov 7 Aaron & Kolleen Dome  
 Sunday, Nov 14 Randy & Michelle Werth  
 Sunday, Nov 21 Jeff & Wendy Richmeier  
 Sunday, Nov 28 Mark & Dora Leiker

**Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure**

Envelopes	\$1,650.00	Oktoberfest	\$25.00
Loose	\$78.00	Mission Sun.	\$20.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,773.00</b>		

**Holy Day:** Envelopes \$200.00 Loose \$25.00

**REFLECTION FROM DEACON STEVE URBAN**

Daniel 12:1-3  
 Hebrews 10:11-14,18  
 Mark 13: 24-32

As our liturgical year comes to an end Sunday, November 21st on the Feast of Christ the King, the Church puts before us these last weeks readings about the end times. Facing the end of our liturgical year, we see in nature in the Western Hemisphere the end of fall and dying of all creation. Winter is around the corner. The grass turns brown and goes dormant, leaves fall from the trees, we come face to face with death in the natural world and maybe a sense of our own death. The Book of Daniel and Mark's Gospel speak about the end of the world in symbolic language. Both readings might cause the reader to be afraid of this coming destruction. But the prophet Daniel and Jesus want us to be people who hope and long for the coming of God's kingdom. It should not be a time of horror and fear, but one of alertness, patience, and readiness for God's plan.

The first reading from the Book of the Prophet Daniel is definitely a piece of apocalyptic literature. Apocalyptic literature is made up of mysterious language, numerology, visions, dreams, and bizarre revelations. This type of literature is often misinterpreted and is used to instill fear. Its original purpose was to bring hope and consolation in the midst of tribulations and persecution. At the time this book was written, the Jewish people were under the control of King Antiochus Epiphanes IV, a Greek king in the dynasty of Seleucids. King Antiochus wanted to establish the Greek way of life in every aspect of his subject's life...culture, politics, and religion. Therefore, he was out to destroy Judaism. In today's reading, the author wants to bring hope to those suffering from the king's rule and his evil ways. God's reign would come, and those who are faithful will be rewarded. Obedience and fidelity to God's plan was the only way to overcome the evil of Antiochus.

In the Gospel, we hear from Mark, Chapter 13, often called the "little" or the "Marcan apocalypse". While some have shied away from the importance of Chapter 13, this chapter sums up Jesus' position: preparedness and watchfulness for his second coming and fidelity in the midst of persecution and trials. By his power to forgive sins and his suffering and death, Jesus had defeated evil and death. Jesus was encouraging all to continue to fight and to hold out hope until the end. By use of the symbol of the fig, Jesus was instilling in his followers the need to be prepared and read the signs. The fig tree would lose its leaves and go dormant for winter. In the spring it would develop green shoots and thereby forecast the coming of summer and the harvest of sweet delicious fruit. In the same way, Jesus followers should read the signs and know that sufferings, persecution, and trials will

be the indication that the end is around the corner when God's kingdom will be fully established.

So what does all this talk of the "end times" found in today's reading have to do with my present life. While we don't know when the end of the world will come, for most of us our death will be the end of the times we must deal with. Our death could take place at any moment. For most of us, myself included, we think our death will be a long time down the road, not something that will happen soon. Because of our false sense of when it will happen, we lack preparedness and alertness. We say "some day" I will do this or that to improve my life and be ready to meet my maker. Now, this present moment, is the time to take action and ready ourselves for his second coming. Today, this very moment, is the time to see his hand in my life and welcome him into the world.

~ Deacon Steve

ST. NICKS  
**Remembrance:  
All Souls Service**



Today at 1:30pm at the cemetery. Nothing in church.

During the month of November, we remember parishioners and non-parishioners who have died since last All Souls Service and were buried in our cemetery.



*Curtis F. Pfannenstiel  
Benita Befort  
Tony Seib  
Jeremy Seib  
Mary Lou Saryerwinnie  
Colton Lane  
Steven L. Koerner  
Tonya L. Sweat*



Join us for coffee and rolls following Mass next Sunday, hosted by the K of C, in the Parish Hall.



**2022 Mass Intentions** are now being accepted. At this time, please limit to 3 intention requests. Stipends \$10.00 per Mass.

**Contact Lilly to schedule ~ 623-8000**



Congratulations to Blake Spencer & Kenna Pfannenstiel who will be married here Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>.

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

Munjour K of C Stag, Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at the Munjour School. Social 6 to 7pm, Dinner starting at 7pm. \$15.00 a ticket and there will be a gun raffle from those present. All proceeds go to support the Seminarian Fund. To purchase Stag tickets, contact Neal Younger at 656-0814.



Appreciation Dinner Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup> beginning at 5:00 p.m. for the many volunteers in our parish. We invite anyone/everyone who helps with Mass ministries, Religious Ed, mows and maintains church grounds, building upkeep etc.

*Please RSVP by November 14<sup>th</sup> to Lilly (623-8000)*

**Join us for breakfast on Sunday, Nov. 7th!** St. Nick's CYO is having a free will donation breakfast to help support their upcoming NCYC trip. Breakfast begins at 10:30am, in the parish hall until around 1pm or when the food is gone.



Join in Unity of Prayer across America to restore the protection of life, family, church, peace and inspire courage in the soul of our nation! **NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE** hosted by/held at St. Nicholas of Myra. Mass Dec 8 from 7-8 pm; 8-midnight: Hourly prayer and praises presented by the parishes of Ellis County. 11-midnight - all time zones united in prayer. Midnight - 7 am - Adoration. 7 am - Benediction and Mass.

**COME PRAY WITH US!**

**A Family Perspective ....by Bud Ozar**

The widow in today's gospel gave only a little, but it counted for a lot. In our homes there are many **LITTLE MOMENTS** which can have great significance and glue the family together. Seize the moments.

**NOVEMBER – READ PASTORAL ORIENTATIONS ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING** published to guide and strengthen the work of the Catholic Church across the globe in the fight against the scourge of human trafficking. U.S. Catholic Sisters' website ([sistersagainstrafficking.org](http://sistersagainstrafficking.org).)



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.*



#### CENTER FOR LIFE EXPERIENCE

Healing Hearts: Connect with family members who have lost a child. Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs each month.

Healing After Loss of Suicide: Offering hope, encouragement & understanding. Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday each month.

Healing After Loss: Offering hope, encouragement & understanding to those who suffered loss of an adult. Meets 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday each month.



Catholic Answers Live is a daily LIVE call-in program designed to offer Catholics and non-Catholics alike an opportunity to hear from and talk with some of the leading apologists and theologians in the Church today. This show is hosted by Cy Kellett. Tune in from 5-7 PM on weekdays. The call-in number is 888-318-7884.

Catholic Schools Prayer Warriors is a group of parents and community members in the Hays area, committed to praying for our Catholic Schools, TMP-M and Holy Family Elementary. We pray for the students, faculty, and staff. We remember them at Mass and in Adoration, we pray common devotions such as the Rosary, or we simply mention them amongst our personal prayer petitions and regular spontaneous prayers. In addition, we wish to invite you to join in the regular prayers, namely Mass and Adoration, offered at TMP. If you would be willing to join us in this mission, please email your contact information to [CSPW@tmpmarian.org](mailto:CSPW@tmpmarian.org) This way we may keep you updated of activities to attend and other ways of supporting our Catholic Schools through this ministry.

#### CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



#### HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Rachel Wentling, Principal  
625-3131

Nov 10 Early Release Day; dismissal at 1:15 p.m.

Nov 11 November Birthday Mass & Lunch

Nov 12 NO SCHOOL – Diocesan Inservice



#### THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN

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

#### Custodian / Maintenance Employee:

TMP-M is currently looking for a maintenance employee to assist in the cleaning and maintaining of the school. The position is full time. 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.

#### TMP-M Blood Drive:

The TMP-M Blood Drive will be held Wednesday, November 10th from 8:45am - 2pm.

PTF is looking to fill two positions within our group. We are in need of a President and Secretary. There are two officers ready to work with and help any new teammates. PTF does various activities within TMP-M. If you are interested, please contact the front office - 625-6577 and talk with Amy.

TMP COED Softball Fundraiser on Saturday, Nov. 6, at 9:30am, at Glassman Softball Fields. Entry Fee: \$100 per team Contact: Jace Wentling to sign up 785-656-0577 or [22wentlingj@tmpmarian.org](mailto:22wentlingj@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 be examples of his teachings, we strive for unity through fellowship and participation in all areas of the Catholic faith.*