

St. Francis of Assisi Church

883 Moscow Street
Munjoy, Kansas 67601

785-625-5314

office@stfrancis-church.com

www.stfrancis-church.com

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



PASTOR

Fr. Damian Richards 628-1446
Emergency Contact 621-2699

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

Lilly Binder 623-8000

FINANCE/PASTORAL COUNCIL

CHAIRPERSON

Ernie Binder 639-5314

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

Joseph Pfannenstiel 259-2762

CHOIR DIRECTOR

Peggy Richmeier 656-0033

ART & ENVIRONMENT

Ann Pfannenstiel 628-8458
Jerry & Sylvia Gross 342-4183

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

GRAND KNIGHT

Kevin Stramel 623-7107

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS PRESIDENT

Michelle Werth 623-3003

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

Thomas More Prep-Marian 625-6577

www.tmp-m.org

Sunday, May 2nd, 2021 ~ Fifth Sunday of Easter



MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. May 2 8:00 am +Elmer Hertel
 Wed. May 5 7:30 am +Alicia Brull
 Sun. May 9 8:00 am L/D Christian Mothers
 Wed. May 12 7:30 am +Danny Pfannenstiel, Jr.

SERVERS

Sunday, May 2 Wyatt Gerstner & Ahnaly Leiker
 Sunday, May 9 Benjamin Dome & Jacob Leiker

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, May 2 Bea Suppes & Michelle Werth
 Sunday, May 9 Jenalyn Leiker & Peggy Richmeier

LECTORS

Sun. May 2 John Moeder
 Sun. May 9 Nathan Leiker

OFFERTORY GIFTS

Hertel Family
 Christian Mother Officers

GREETERS

Sunday, May 2 Wilbert Gross
 Sunday, May 9 Larry & Gloria Koirth

COLLECTION TEAM

Sunday, May 2

Jason Carter, Tony Rohr, Sid Steinert, Brandon Zimmerman

Sunday, May 9

Wilbert Gross, Kenny Pfannenstiel, Ken Richmeier, Randy Werth

TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

Sunday, May 2 Aaron & Kolleen Dome
 Sunday, May 9 Herman & Rosie Leiker
 Sunday, May 16 Darold & Evelyn Younker
 Sunday, May 23 Ken & Peggy Richmeier

Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure

Envelopes \$1,505.00
 Loose \$90.00
 Candles \$14.00
 Home Mission \$195.00
Total \$1,804.00



REFLECTION FROM DEACON STEVE URBAN

Acts of the Apostles 9: 26-31
 1 John 3: 18-24
 John 15: 1-8

When I was in radio sales, I heard over and over the need to produce. Making sales was the Gospel. And even though you had a great year, the next year management wanted even more. Increased numbers was the goal. Another thing I often heard in sales was confidence. Confidence or a certain brashness was needed to be successful. In today's readings, we see how God was successful in building up the infant Church. In the Acts of the Apostles, the early church was growing in numbers and boldness through the power of the Holy Spirit. In the first letter of St. John, growth in holiness was to keep the commandments and remain in the Spirit. In the Gospel Jesus gives us a great image of our union with him. It is the vine and the branches. And although Jesus is not some spiritual sales manager, he says that union with him demands bearing good fruit, producing good fruit. Jesus even says we need pruning to produce more fruit. May the Holy Spirit open us to that growth each and every day.

Growth under the direction of the Holy Spirit is the theme of our first reading. The first part of the reading from Acts is about one individual's growth and that is Paul. Saul, the former name for Paul, was an early persecutor of the infant Church. You might recall how Paul was present at the death of the martyr Stephen. But Paul had a major conversion on the road to Damascus. He went from persecutor to preacher...from attacking the early church to boldly building it up. Because of this radical transformation, many were afraid of him and did not believe in his conversion. By the power of the Holy Spirit, Paul was converted and preached the Gospel with confidence or boldness. We might say Paul produced great results. In our second reading great results came about through fidelity to the commandments and belief in Jesus as the Son of God. Finally in the Gospel, Jesus uses the metaphor of the vine and the branches. Jesus is the true vine...the source of our spiritual life. We are the branches that need to stay connected to him. If we remain in him, we will produce and grow and bear much fruit. If we are not connected to him as the source, we will shrivel and die and be thrown away like a withered branch.

So, is it important that we produce as Catholic Christians? Unlike sales where producing good numbers is the goal, in our faith lives our works and deeds are important. For Christians, God wants us to use the gifts, talents, and charisms that He gives us to bring about His kingdom. God wants us to go out and spread the good

news. I often believe that as Catholics we seem to understand our faith as just something between God and I that takes place on Sunday morning or Saturday night. Our faith life is always about doing, spreading, giving away, evangelizing. There is always the commission from Jesus in the Gospels to go and spread and bring others to the faith. Now we don't have to stand on a street corner and shout out the message. We do have to show forth through our work, our marriages, our family life, even our recreation that God is love and wants to bring others to know that love. It is about producing and bearing good fruit. Yet for it to happen, we need to stay connected to God. That connection always begins with a vibrant prayer life and reception of the Sacraments especially Penance and Eucharist. May the Holy Spirit help us stay connected and to produce great fruit.

~ Deacon Steve



Congratulations to Marcus & Mila Albers and Reylyn Leiker who will be receiving their First Holy Communion at Mass this morning.

From Bishop Gerald Vincke:

I hereby decree that the dispensation from the sacred obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation shall be lifted and that the faithful of the Diocese of Salina are to embrace this most sacred obligation once again, beginning with the celebration of the Solemnity of Pentecost, the weekend of May 22-23, 2021



Mother's Day breakfast next Sunday following Mass, hosted by the K of C. Donations appreciated. This will be held in the Munjor School Gym.

Religious Formation: Wednesday, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Last class for this school year. We extend special thanks to all the teachers who have graciously shared their gifts of time and talent educating and sharing the gift of our faith with the youth of our parish.

UPCOMING MAY MEETINGS

Sunday, May 16th Christian Mothers, following Mass
Monday, May 17th K of C. 7:00 p.m. *Munjor School.*

Cemetery Mowing and Trimming – Sometime this week, watch your email for more information.

MOTHER'S MASS, celebrated by Bishop Vincke, for moms grieving the death of a child at any stage, conception to adulthood, is set for 2:00 P.M. on Thursday, May 13th, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish in Concordia. A reception in the parish hall will immediately follow Mass. Mothers planning to attend are asked to pre-register online so those planning the event know how many to prepare for, but please know all moms are welcome, pre-registered or not.

Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration in Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Friday, May 7th 12 noon, at St. Joseph's. Hymns, rosary, Litany of the Sacred Heart, Act of Reparation to the Sacred Heart, prayers for vocations, and Benediction.

Stewardship Renewal Forms: To date 32 forms have been returned, which represents 38%. ***Have you returned yours?*** Everyone is asked to return the completed form as soon as possible. Thank you!

Church Council Election, June: Due to terms being up, there are two openings for women to serve on the Church Council beginning in July. If you would like to be on the ballot or would like to nominate a woman from the parish, drop the name(s) in the collection or contact a council member: Ernie Binder, Landon Leiker, Natalie Oborny, Brian Pfannenstiel, Cathy Pfeifer, Gary Staab, Glenn Stramel, Jerome Vajnar or Brandi Zimmerman.

Vacation Bible School

>>> IHM Vacation Bible School Registration 2021 <<<
Sunday, June 6 - Thursday, June 10 5:30pm to 8:00pm
ELIGIBILITY: Children Entering 1st, 2nd and 3rd Gr. Fall 2021
COST: \$15.00 per Child

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: May 15, 2021 Additional forms are needed to register your child(ren) to attend VBS, please visit the IHM Parish Website at www.ihm-church.com or stop by the IHM Parish Office.

*My past, O Lord, to your Mercy;
My present, to Your love;
My future to Your providence.
...St. Padre Pio*

A Family Perspective ...by Bud Ozar

Like the vine grower in today's gospel, parents must "prune and cleanse" the branches in their family if their children are going to be rooted. Discipline, limits and setting goals are a necessary part of parenting so our children will grow and "bear fruit."



Matt Shorman, Adam, Special Intention,
Stacy Dittmer, Special Intentions, Ramona
Weigel, 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.

The Son Rise Morning Show presents a national drive-time audience with everything they need to start their day. Anna Mitchell, Matt Swaim, and the team cover current events, catechesis, and reflections on the saint of the day & the readings from Mass. 6-8am weekdays on 105.7 FM Divine Mercy Radio.

31 DAYS OF CASH GIVEAWAY July 1 – 31. \$25 donation, only 400 tickets sold, one ticket drawn every day in July. Winners notified daily. Every ticket will be included in all drawings. July 1-28 = \$125; July 29 = \$250; July 30 = \$350. July 31 = THREE \$500 winners. Contact Irvin Leiker @ 785-628-1984 or Roger Rife @ 785-623-1852 for tickets or stop by the St. Joseph Church Parish office!

MAY - Pimps market and sell people for sex on-line, in truck stops, on streets, and even in homes. Be aware of the programs your child watches and those that come across your screen. U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking (sistersagainstrafficking.org)



Become a Big Brother, Big Sister, Couple, or Family Match! Over 30 children are waiting for a Big in Ellis County. Kansas Big Brothers

Big Sisters matches children, ages 5-17, with caring, adult mentors. We believe that all children can achieve success in life, especially with the guidance and support of a caring adult mentor. The effects of these friendships will last a lifetime. So how can you get involved? Visit kansasbigs.org, call (785) 625-6672, or stop by our office 1200 Main Street, Suite 102.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Rachel Wentling, Principal
625-3131

- May 3 Kindergarten Field Trip
Preschool Fun Day
 - May 4 2nd Gr. 1st Communion Recognition
Teacher Appreciation Day –
Teacher Milestones Recognized
 - May 6 Mother's Mass for Last Names "L-Z"
 - May 7 May Crowning/Rosary on blacktop
-



THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN

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

- May 8 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm Pop Singers Dinner Theatre

Thank you for another successful Auction for Christian Education.

Shells Partially Donated by Northwestern Printers.

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.