

# 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 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. June 27 8:00 am +Donald P. Werth  
 Wed. June 30 7:30 am +Tony Seib  
 Sun. July 4 8:00 am +Jeremy Seib  
 Wed. July 7 7:30 am L/D Benedict & Margaret Brenner fam

**SERVERS**

Sunday, June 27 Benjamin Dome & Wyatt Gerstner  
 Sunday, July 4 Jacob Leiker & Trenton Staley

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Sunday, June 27 Mark Leiker & Lauren Moeder  
 Sunday, July 4 Nathan Leiker & Ken Richmeier

**LECTORS**

Sun. June 27 Ernie Binder  
 Sun. July 4 Lilly Binder

**OFFERTORY GIFTS**

Jeff & Wendy Richmeier  
 Tony & Patty Rohr

**GREETERS**

Sunday, June 27 Brian Pfannenstiel  
 Sunday, July 4 Jeanette Pfannenstiel

**COLLECTION TEAM**

**Sunday, June 27**

David Leiker, Caleb Staley, Randy Werth, Brandon Zimmerman

**Sunday, July 4**

Mark Leiker, Kenny Pfannenstiel, Gary Staab, Josh Waddell

**TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS**

Sunday, June 27 Jason & Rose Carter  
 Sunday, July 4 Linda Gross  
 Sunday, July 11 Randy & Michelle Werth  
 Sunday, July 18 Aaron & Kolleen Dome

**Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure**

Envelopes	\$1,470.00
Loose	\$195.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,665.00</b>



**REFLECTION FROM DEACON STEVE URBAN**

Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24  
 2 Corinthians 8:7,9, 13-15  
 Mark 5: 21-43

“God did not make death...For he fashioned all things that they might have being.” The Book of Wisdom proclaims the great belief of all Christians and of humanity itself. Our God does not want sickness, sin, and death to have the final word. Our God’s first word in creation and the last word upon Jesus’ death was life. God wants us to be alive and experience life in all its fullness. Both the first reading and the Gospel speak of God’s plan for life. Only because of man’s choosing to sin has death and its effects entered the world. In the person of Jesus and his life, death, and resurrection, God has reestablished his early plan that all things should have life.

In the first reading from the Book of Wisdom, the author hearkens back to Genesis where God created man and woman in the divine image. In his trying to explain good and evil, Wisdom’s author puts the blame for death in the hands of the devil. We know all too well our choosing to sin and the power that evil has in the world. While we might complain that the “devil made me do it”, we know that evil comes from our own choosing and willing it. While in today’s Gospel the evangelist Mark doesn’t deny the power of evil or even the devil, his emphasis is on Jesus who has the power to destroy sickness, sin, even death itself. In his genius, Mark has two stories that dovetail nicely with the first story sandwiched in the second. In the story of the woman afflicted with hemorrhages, we have a woman who has probably been taken advantage of by doctors. While her physical ailment needed healing, Mark knows that Jesus can cure her spiritual malady. Her faith, Jesus says, has saved her. In the second story about Jairus daughter, the crowd believes this little girl has died, and all hope is lost. But Jesus raises her up to life. And in Jesus’ imperative statement, “Little girl, I say to you arise” the verb that is used in Greek *egeirein* is the same one used to express resurrection. In other words, Mark is saying Jesus is the author of life and has power over the forces of evil and even death itself. Jesus has raised this little girl and can do the same for all of us.

So, what do these stories say about our lives and the power of sin and evil? First, we must admit that we have in our lives areas that need healing. All of us have some sort of darkness or sin that sometimes overtakes us. The woman in Mark’s Gospel suffered for twelve long years without any hope. And in the case of Jairus’ daughter, the crowd had given up all hope. For us depression and anxiety, some sort of addiction, some persistent sin, can wreak havoc in our lives. We can feel despair and

wonder where God is in the midst of that physical, emotional, or spiritual sickness. Yet, God is a God of life and wants to heal us, wants to make us whole. I believe the process of healing starts with the gesture of both Jairus and the woman who fell down before Jesus. An attitude of humbling ourselves and putting it into Jesus' hands. Surrendering all of our weakness and pain to him is the beginning of the healing process. I think the wisdom of the Twelve Step Method employed by Alcoholics Anonymous speaks to today's Gospel reading. In the Twelve Step Method the individual admits that they are powerless over alcohol and its effects on the person. They also confess that a power greater than themselves can restore them to sanity. Then they turn themselves over to God. In the face of evil and our sin, we must be willing to say we are helpless, and surrender our whole being to God's love and mercy.

~ Deacon Steve

**Masks will no longer be required for Communion Ministers starting next week.** The past six weeks has been a time to get used to coming back to Sunday Mass. To show our concern for people's health and to ease their fears during this time, we have been wearing masks while distributing communion.

By now, people are comfortable being in crowds and mask-wearing is less urgent. So we are removing the mask requirement for Extraordinary Ministers of Communion.

The Quarantine has made us very hygiene-aware. The use of hand sanitizer will continue. If a communion minister isn't feeling well, we will encourage them to find a substitute or wear a mask while distributing communion. Clergy is required to distribute communion at a Mass they are celebrating. If you see me wearing a mask at Mass, it will probably be because my allergies are acting up or I have a cold.

---Fr. Damian

**Peter's Pence Collection** The financial support offered by the faithful to the Holy Father as a sign of their sharing in the concern of the Successor of Peter for the many different needs of the Universal Church and for the relief of those most in need.



Coffee, rolls and conversation following Mass next Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup> hosted by the parish.



*From the Desk of Fr. Damian:*

### **New Wedding Ritual**

*Extra Devotions in the ceremony.*

We gather in a Church to pray for the couple on their wedding day. The couple needs as many prayers as possible to help them meet the challenges of marriage. In addition to the vows and blessings in the Marriage Rite, there are other prayers that couples wish to include in the ceremony.

The Church acknowledged the power of these extra prayers when it included them in the new ritual. The "arras" and "lazo" rituals, which are now in the marriage rite, have such power.

There is an ancient Catholic tradition of using candles to petition a saint to pray for us. The Unity Candle, with its prayer to Mary, grows out of just such customs. Customs from a religious tradition can help the couple ask for divine help. They are designed to present the couple to God in prayer and to elicit promises from the saints to help them.

Secular customs are not able to petition God and the saints for help because they aren't built for such work. They concentrate on human effort and not divine assistance. As such, they are not appropriate for the wedding ceremony.

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**FIREWORKS!** If Fireworks are part of your "Independence Day" celebration be sure to get all your Firework supplies at the IHM-CYO tent located in the west parking lot at Big Creek Crossing! July 2<sup>nd</sup> thru July 4<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m. Proceeds will help offset the cost of going on mission trips, NCCY and other activities.

Ellis County Ministerial Alliance's First Step Housing will be opening sometime in August and we are asking for your help in stocking the house with needed household items. Our **NEEDS LIST** is on Amazon and a link is available on our website [www.firstcallelliscounty.com](http://www.firstcallelliscounty.com). For more info on ways to help call 785-623-2800. Thank you!



*Praying for a safe and bountiful harvest.*

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

The healing of the woman and the child in today's gospel is a reminder we are all wounded. We retreat to those we love looking for acceptance, listening, understanding and support. Families must be healing communities where Jesus is present in our care for one another.

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The 2021 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Diocesan Men's Conference is set for Saturday, Aug. 14, from 8am to 12:30pm, at Immaculate Heart of Mary parish in Hays. The theme is "Men of Hope" and falls on the feast day of St. Maximilian Kolbe, a great witness of hope in the darkest of times. Keynote speaker for the event is Chris Padgett, a leading expert on the life of St. Maximilian Kolbe. Registration is available online now.

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Matt Shorman, Adam, 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.*

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**JUNE** – Indifference to Human Trafficking is not an option. Learn the devastating affects within our borders and throughout the world. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking ([sistersagainstrafficking.org](http://sistersagainstrafficking.org)), 2039 N Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131.

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Teresa Tomeo, host of Catholic Connection, discusses social issues, media awareness, and interviews community leaders and newsmakers live. Teresa reports on news throughout the Catholic community and how we can make a difference. Tune in to 105.7 FM, online at [dvmercy.com](http://dvmercy.com), or on the free phone app at 8 AM on weekdays. To call-in 877-573-7825

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**CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS**



**HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY**  
Rachel Wentling, Principal  
625-3131

June/July: Office open Tues -Thurs 9-12 & 1-4  
June 30: Last day to turn in uniform donations

Holy Family Elementary has openings for the upcoming 21-22 school year for students entering grades Preschool, Kindergarten, 1st, and 4th. If you are interested or want to get more information, please contact Toni in the school office at 785-625-3131. We are happy to offer family tours and answer any questions you may have about our school!

HFE seeking an art teacher to inspire students in faith formation and excellence in fine arts. This position can be part-time or full-time based on additional assigned duties.

HFE is seeking self-initiators who love God and are willing to serve His children as a paraprofessional.

HFE is seeking enthusiastic individuals to supervise and serve children in our After-School Care program.

**For more information call the school 625-3131**

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**THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN**

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

Mon. June 28 to Fri. July 2: KSHSAA Family Week - Front office/building closed.

TMP-M currently has 2 job positions open. We are looking for a full-time cook and a full-time custodian/maintenance. Please contact the school for more information at 625-6577.

TMP-M Uniform Sales: HFE New & Used and TMP-M New Uniform Sale July 14, from 11am to 6pm, at HFE. SchoolBelles will be on-site at HFE

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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.*