

# 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)



**MASS INTENTIONS**

Sun. June 25	8:00 am	L/D Al & Gina Rohr family
Wed. June 28	7:30 am	+Charlotte Werth
Sun. July 2	8:00 am	+Katie Leiker
Wed. July 5	7:30 am	L/D Julie & Mary Jane Koerner family

**SERVERS**

Sunday, June 25	Makailyn Leiker & Trenton Staley
Sunday, July 2	Cali Richmeier & Rafe Richmeier

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Sun. June 25	Ernie B, Peggy R, Tina W.
Sun. July 2	Ken R, Glenn S, Rhonda S, Josh W.

**LECTORS                      OFFERTORY GIFTS**

Sun. June 25	Gene Gottschalk	Confirmandi
Sun. July 2	John Moeder	Brian Pfannenstiel

**GREETERS**

Sunday, June 25	Blake & Kenna Spencer
Sunday, July 2	Ton7 & Dian Staley

**COLLECTION TEAM**

**Sunday, June 25**

Wilbert Gross, John Moeder, Jeff Richmeier, Tony Staley

**Sunday, July 2**

Ernie Binder, David Leiker, Rexton Leiker, Tony Rohr

**TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS**

Sunday, June 25	Aaron & Kolleen Dome
Sunday, July 2	Ken & Peggy Richmeier
Sunday, July 9	Darold & Evelyn Younker
Sunday, July 16	Deanna Leiker

**Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure**

Envelopes	\$2,506.00
Loose	\$185.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,691.00</b>



**REFLECTION FROM DEACON STEVE URBAN**

**Jeremiah 20:10-13**

**Romans 5:12-15**

**Matthew 10:26-33**

Jeremiah in the first reading and Jesus in the Gospel speak about the reality of persecution for standing up for our faith. Both men endured ill-treatment in their lives. Many of the saints experienced trials and mistreatment for standing up for the faith. So why isn't there more persecution in today's society? Maybe we're like the one scholar who when asked if he were a Christian said the following, "Yes, but not offensively so!". Have we so conformed to the ways of society and the world that no one takes us seriously? When discussing sensitive subjects, I find myself keeping my mouth shut for fear of upsetting the status quo. Jeremiah and Jesus both announce that standing up for what's right will cost us. Yet, both proclaim that God's reign will come, and God will watch over and take care of those faithful to his message. Jesus said it best, "Fear no one".

When it comes to fear, Jeremiah frequently used the phrase "terror on every side" to indicate the mistreatment he felt from God's people. Of all the Old Testament prophets, Jeremiah is often labeled as the prophet who most complained about the way he felt God had treated him. Jeremiah felt God had duped him into being this prophet who would proclaim the message the people didn't want to hear. Jeremiah even witnessed the destruction of the kingdom of Judah and the exile of the people into Babylon. Yet in the second half of today's pericope, Jeremiah is firm in confessing that God would not abandon him. The question is not will God save his faithful, but when will God save his people. In the final verse of today's passage, Jeremiah praises God for saving the poor, and the poor are not those who are economically disadvantaged but those who rely solely on God for their life.

Relying solely on God is the conviction behind Jesus' statement that the Twelve should fear no one. Today we hear from Jesus' missionary discourse to his apostles, and his message is quite simple. Do not be afraid! Jesus is telling his Twelve that they are to preach his word to all. As Patricia Datchuck Sanchez says in today's reflection on this Gospel, Matthew in referring to those things spoken in darkness is pointing to the reality that Jesus' teaching must be proclaimed to all. Jesus then reiterates again his command to "fear not" because those who persecute cannot kill the soul, only the body. God himself is the one who can kill both body and soul. Then Jesus goes on to say that "Not one falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge." Sanchez says the real translation of that statement is "not a single sparrow lights upon the ground without your Father's consent". Just think of all the times you see a bird land on the ground and take off again. If God knows all the many movements of an ordinary bird, how much more will he be aware of our needs as human persons? Yet, Jesus ends this passage by calling us to acknowledge and be faithful to the Gospel. The Gospel demands that we go out and tell all the world, but that "going forth" will entail hardships and persecution.

As we reflect on how we might live differently because of these readings, one thing is certain. God will not abandon us. God will be besides us. Yet, there will also be persecution, suffering, and even death for some. Spreading the

message of the kingdom will cost us. It might mean rejection, loss of social status, loss of friendship, and abandonment from those whom we love. Jesus knows what the cost of discipleship is for our lives. He points to the cost by asking us to look upon his crucifixion, but he also promises us life with himself in the eternal kingdom. Let's support each other as Church in living out our commitment to the Gospel.

~ Deacon Steve



**Welcome Bishop Vincke** who is presiding at the Sacrament of Confirmation this morning. Congratulations are extended to Luca Albers, Ahnaly Leiker and Jadyn Younger as they receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit and confirm their baptismal promises.



There will be a social following Mass to visit with Bishop Vincke and congratulate the newly Confirmed. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

**NOTE:** This will also take the place of July's after Mass monthly social.

**Cemetery Mowing & Trimming** - Wednesday, June 28 at 9:00 a.m. All help is greatly appreciated.  
*Many hands make light work. ...Nehemiah 3*

**2023 Annual Mission Cooperation**

Next Sunday July 2, Fr. Henry Saw Lone will give a mission appeal at our parish.

Fr. Henry Saw Lone is a missionary priest assigned by the Salina Diocese in our respective parishes for the 2023 Missionary Cooperative Plan.

Myanmar today is in yet another chapter of darkness, bloodshed and repression. Myanmar's military Army chief, Min Aung Hlaing, has seized power in the country in a coup on February 1, 2021, abruptly halting the country's democratic transition and detaining the country's leader, Aung San Suu Kyi, and the democratically-elected leaders while making up charges to hold them.

The goal of his Mission appeal is aimed at financing pastoral activities to provide relief for refugees, pastoral activities such as giving the sacraments and teaching catechism in remote areas, building clinics, schools and providing clean water, food and medical care in rural areas in Taungngu Diocese, Myanmar. Your generosity makes it possible for these missionaries to bring Christ to the poor.

Envelopes for this special collection will be located at the entrances.

**Next week we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection** to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Francis to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression,

**EVENTS IN THE HEARTLAND**

**Patriotic Rosary** - We will have a Patriotic Rosary on Independence Day at 1:00pm at St. Joseph's Church. Join us as we pray for our country.

**St. Nick's Knight of Columbus** is having a cash raffle with proceeds going to the two-car garage for a \$20 donation. 400 tickets will be sold. Nine cash prizes: \$1,000, \$500, \$500, and six \$250 drawing on Aug. 14. Tickets - contact Glen Gabel at 785-628-2120.

**Ellis County Councils of the Knights of Columbus** are hosting the Hays Larks Game Baseball Tuesday, July 25, 2023 at 7:00pm. Please join us at Larks Park (4th and Oak, Hays) for a night of fun and to encourage new membership. Admission is free courtesy of the K of C Councils.

**Introducing the Hays CYO & Jr CYO Summer Treat Stands!** While we may no longer be in the fireworks business, we wanted to offer the Hays community a chance to make their Independence Day shopping more enjoyable. Stop by our two brand new locations for an exclusive treat, a cold drink, and more! We will have a snow cone machine located right outside the big red tent in the mall parking lot that you should all be familiar with. J-Day Displays offered Hays CYO a wonderful donation, and we are so thankful for their long-standing and continuous support of our program. But that's not all! We will also have a cotton candy machine located in the Love's parking lot near the Fireworks Unlimited tent. They heard about the loss of our previous fundraiser and graciously offered Hays CYO a donation in our time of need. So stop by our Treat Stands during the 4th of July holiday and purchase some yummys for the whole family! All proceeds go to Hays CYO and Jr CYO for our various mission trips and more. Be sure to also stop into J-Day Displays and Fireworks Unlimited and show our awesome donors some love too!



Art Wagner, Jr., 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.*

**BIBLE REFLECTION ~ STEWARDSHIP GOAL**

*“Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father.” MATTHEW 10:32*

Would others know that you are Catholic by the way you act and speak? Do you share your Catholic faith with others? Do you defend your Catholic faith when the situation arises or do you remain silent? Do you pray in public before meals? Pray for the strength and courage to be a joyful witness of our Catholic faith when the opportunity presents itself. Let us become the radiant light and bold witness that we are called to be!

**MEN'S RETREAT** - Men of the Salina Diocese - Please put August 12th on your calendars! Check our website for details <https://salinadiocese.org/office/family-life/mens-conference/>

**Are you an estate planning attorney, accountant, financial planner, wealth manager, insurance advisor, etc.?** The Catholic Foundation for the Diocese of Salina is currently developing a list of resources for members of our diocese to help in creating their Catholic legacy. If you are one of these trusted professionals, please send us an email – [development@salinadiocese.org](mailto:development@salinadiocese.org) – with your contact information so we can include you on this list of professionals that are aligned with Catholic values and beliefs.

**Talitha Kum. (Little girl, I say to you, rise up)** is a global network of Catholic Sisters who stand with victims and survivors of trafficking in persons; who work to promote a just world in which every human being can live in dignity and fullness of life. Join us. US Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking, 7575 Grand River Rd., Suite 109, Brighton, MI 48114.



**Are you traveling this summer** — on vacation, spending time at sporting events out of town, enjoying trips to the lake? You can always find a Mass time and location near you. Call or visit.... 1-800-Mass-Times (1-800-MASS-TIMES) or <https://catholicmasstime.org/>

**CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS**



**HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY**

Rachel Wentling, Principal  
(785) 625-3131

June & July Office Open Tues - Thurs 9-12 & 1 - 4  
July 3 - 7 School Closed

**Holy Family Elementary has openings!**

For all grade levels!

Including part-time & full-time spots for Preschool (3-yr-old)  
Including part-time & full-time spots for Preschool (4-yr-old)

Call the office at 785-625-3131 or visit our website [www.hfehays.org](http://www.hfehays.org) to sign up your child on the “Prospective Family” tab!



**THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN**

Chad Meitner, Principal

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

June & July Office open Tuesday thru Thursday 9:00—noon and 1:00—4:00

**Project Coordinator Position Open** Thomas More Prep-Marian Jr/Sr High School is seeking someone to fulfill the position of Project Coordinator in the Advancement/Alumni Department. Please contact Mason Ruder for more details at 785-625-5427 or by using this link for Hays Works: <https://workhays.com/jobs/4a6096f7-ce9b-4673-9989->

**Theotokos Catholic Homeschool Co-Op**

If you have questions or need to rsvp (all events require RSVP) contact Samantha Baker 785.639.3285 or [14sjbaker@gmail.com](mailto:14sjbaker@gmail.com) Find us on Facebook!

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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.*





## NIGHT OF HEALING FAITH

“Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.” —James 5:14-16

**FRIDAY, JULY 14, 2023**

Father George Chalbhagam C.M.I. with Father Leo Blasi, Chaplain of the Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Movement in the Diocese of Salina

St John the Evangelist Catholic Church • 712 Broadway • Herington, KS 67449

5:30PM Mass • 6:00PM Exposition and Adoration / Confessions / Rosary

7:00PM Reposition and Healing Service for the Sick and those in Physical, Emotional, or Spiritual Need

*Light Refreshments and Conversation to Follow*

For more information, call (785) 366-6189



## NOVENA TO ST. ISIDORE THE FARMER FOR RAIN

### How to Pray the Novena

Begin with the Sign of the Cross. Read the daily scripture verse (and spend a few moments meditating on it). Pray the daily novena prayer followed by the prayer in honor of St. Isidore and the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be **three times** for the intention of the Holy Father. Conclude with the Prayer for Rain and the Sign of the Cross.

### Prayer in Honor of St. Isidore

O God, who taught Adam the simple art of tilling the soil, and who through Jesus Christ, the true vine, revealed Yourself the husbandman of our souls, deign, we pray, through the merits of Blessed Isidore, to instill into our hearts a horror of sin and a love of prayer, so that, working the soil in the sweat of our brow, we may enjoy eternal happiness in heaven. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Prayer for Rain

O God, in Whom we live and move, and have our being, grant us rain, in due abundance, that, being sufficiently helped with temporal, we may the more confidently seek after eternal gifts. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### FIRST DAY: PARTNERSHIP WITH GOD (Genesis 1:25 and 2:15)

**Prayer:** Grant, we beseech You, merciful Lord, through the intercession of Blessed Isidore, farmer and confessor, not to let us be vain with the wisdom of the world, but by his merits and example, let us in all humility always do what is pleasing to You. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### SECOND DAY: FAMILY LIFE IN CHRIST (Psalm 26:4-5)

**Prayer:** We offer the sacrifice of praise, O Lord, and humbly pray that through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin, Mother of God, and of St. Joseph, You may establish our families in peace and grace. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

**THIRD DAY:** *LOVE OF NEIGHBOR* (Romans 12:9-12)

**Prayer:** O God, You who make all things work together unto good for those who love You, give to our hearts an abiding love for You: so that the desires we conceive by Your inspiration may ever remain unchanged in spite of every temptation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**FOURTH DAY:** *DIGNITY OF WORK* (2 Thessalonians 3:8-12)

**Prayer:** O Lord, let us follow the blessed farmer Isidore's example of patience and humility, and walk so faithfully in his footsteps that by his intercession in the evening of life, we can offer You a rich harvest of merits and good works. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**FIFTH DAY:** *WALKING IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD* (1 Timothy 4:15-16)

**Prayer:** Breathe into our hearts, we beseech You, O Lord, a desire for heavenly glory, and grant that we may pass, bearing in our hands the sheaves of justice, to where the Blessed Isidore is resplendent with You in glory. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**SIXTH DAY:** *STEWARDSHIP OF THE SOIL* (James 5:7-10)

**Prayer:** Pour down Your blessing, we beseech You, O Lord, upon Your people, and upon all the fruits of the earth, so that when collected they may be mercifully distributed to the honor and glory of Your holy name. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**SEVENTH DAY:** *RURAL WORKS OF MERCY* (Matthew 6:19-20)

**Prayer:** May the grace of the Holy Spirit, we beseech You, O Lord, enlighten our hearts, and refresh them abundantly with the sweetness of perfect charity. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**EIGHTH DAY:** *TRUST IN PRAYER* (Philippians 4:4-7)

**Prayer:** O Lord Jesus Christ, Who has said: Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you; grant, we beseech You, to us Your supplicants, the gift of Your most divine love, so that we may love You with our whole heart and in all our words and works, and never cease praising You. Who live and reign world without end. Amen.

**NINTH DAY:** *SACRIFICE OF PRAISE* (Hebrews 10:12-14)

**Prayer:** Protect us, O Lord, who offer holocausts to You, and sear our hearts with the flame of Your divine charity, so that they may be ever more fervently prepared for sacrifice. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Saint Isidore, Pray for us!**