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

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Kevin Stramel 623-7107

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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 9th, 2021 ~ Sixth Sunday of Easter



MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. May 9 8:00 am L/D Christian Mothers
Wed. May 12 7:30 am +Danny Pfannenstiel, Jr.
Sun. May 16 8:00 am L/D Martin J. Staab family
Wed. May 19 7:30 am +Rupert Pfannenstiel

SERVERS

Sunday, May 9 Benjamin Dome & Jacob Leiker
Sunday, May 16 Makailyn Leiker & Trenton Staley

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, May 9 Peggy Richmeier & Deacon Steve
Sunday, May 16 Ernie Binder & Jenalyn Leiker

LECTORS

Sun. May 9 Nathan Leiker
Sun. May 16 Lauren Moeder

OFFERTORY GIFTS

Christian Mother Officers
Sid & Joanne Steinert

GREETERS

Sunday, May 9 Larry & Gloria Koirth
Sunday, May 16 Dave & Claudia Leiker

COLLECTION TEAM

Sunday, May 9

Wilbert Gross, Kenny Pfannenstiel, Ken Richmeier, Randy Werth

Sunday, May 16

Nathan Leiker, Brian Pfannenstiel, Jeff Richmeier, Gary Staab

TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

Sunday, May 9 Herman & Rosie Leiker
Sunday, May 16 Darold & Evelyn Younker
Sunday, May 23 Ken & Peggy Richmeier
Sunday, May 30 Jeff & Wendy Richmeier

Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure

Envelopes \$2,755.00
Loose \$220.00
Hall Use \$90.00
Home Mission \$50.00
Total \$3,115.00



REFLECTION FROM DEACON STEVE URBAN

Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
1 John 4: 7-10
John 15: 9-17

What's your favorite love song? Maybe it's "Something" by the Beatles, or "Your Song" by Elton John, or "Can't Help Falling in Love" by Elvis Presley, or maybe "I Got You" by Sonny & Cher. Each of us has one or maybe a couple love songs that stir deep emotions and fond memories of what we feel or believe love is about. But the greatest love song is by the artist Jesus the Nazorean, and it's entitled "Love One Another As I Love You". In this song Jesus describes how true love fills one's heart from unbelievable joy. Love says this composer is about laying down one's life for another. A surrendering of one's self is the way to find true love. Today's Scripture readings help us better understand and feel this love song in our hearts.

Our first reading from the Acts of the Apostles doesn't specifically mention the word love, but it is implied. This reading is a second Pentecost or more specifically the gentile Pentecost. In Acts Chapter 2: 1-11 we hear about the well-known coming of the Holy Spirit to the apostles gathered in the house and what we call the birthday of the Church. While the first coming of the Spirit is more well known, this second Pentecost in today's reading is equally as important. In today's reading the love of God through the Holy Spirit is poured forth on all Gentiles. God's love is revealed to all mankind through Peter's acceptance of Cornelius and his family desire for holiness. As Peter says, "God shows no partiality". God's love is universal and given to all. In speaking about love, our second reading from first John says it brilliantly, "God is love". And those who say they love must practice what they preach. Finally, we have Jesus' greatest commandment...to love as he has loved us. It sounds so simple, and yet Jesus knows how difficult and demanding it is. And Jesus promises us that if we follow his example of self-surrendering love our lives will be filled with great purpose, hope, and joy.

You might remember the old song "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" or "We Are One in the Spirit". It is based on the idea that non-believers recognized in the early Christian believers the simple fact that they loved one another. Love for each was the sign of the spreading of early Christianity. More than ever, we Christians need to show our love for another. Love is the answer to all the problems of the world and of our individual lives. But we all have failed to love as Jesus commanded and witnessed by his life. All of us are so absorbed with our own wants and needs that we fail to give to those in most need. We seem to be so divided on how we approach problems and the critical issues. It's always my way and

my needs instead of looking after others and seeing their needs. We need to pray for another Pentecost in our lives that the Spirit would pour forth upon us again and teach us how to love. There are no quick fixes to loving more...except to placing God first and foremost in our lives. If we remain in his love and follow his commandments, then he will teach us how to love. "Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God."

~ Deacon Steve

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 following Mass, hosted by the K of C. Donations appreciated. This will be held in the Munjor School Gym.

Religious Formation:

Done until Fall.
Enjoy your summer break.

UPCOMING MAY MEETINGS

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

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.

Stewardship Renewal Forms: To date 33 forms have been returned, which represents 39%. *Have you returned yours?*

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.

St. Isadore's Day Observance – May 14th at Sacred Heart Church, Colby. Bring soil & seeds for blessing. All are welcome – free no RSVP necessary. Coffee/donuts @ 10 am OLPH Goodland. Precision Ag Tour 10:30 am, AgSun LLC Tour 1:30 pm, Mass with Bishop Vincke 4 pm, Supper in church basement 5:00 pm. All times CDT.

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.

A Family Perspective ...by Bud Ozar

Today's gospel challenges us to "love one another as I have loved you." Jesus is our model and he asks us to "lay down our life" (our time, attention, opinions and needs) for each other. This is the sacrament of the family, when God is made visible in our sacrificial love for one another.



Matt Shorman, Adam, Special Intention, 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 loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God,
is the heart of a mother.

....St. Therese of Lisieux

Happy Mother's Day.

St. Joseph Cemetery maintenance staff will be preparing the cemetery for Memorial Day, beginning on Tuesday, May 11th. We ask that you remove any floral arrangements or decorations that you wish to keep, with the exception of those in containers or vases attached to the monument by Monday, May 10th. Items not picked up which interfere with the mowing and trimming will be removed and disposed of by the cemetery staff. Your cooperation will be appreciated!

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.

Volunteers Needed: Prayerfully consider being a volunteer at our Saint John's Chapel at Via Christi. Days needed are Tuesday's, Wednesday's and Saturday's from 9:30am to 11:15a.m. Duties vary from bringing our beloved residents to and from church. Also, if you would be comfortable reciting rosary, lecturing, Eucharistic Minister these gifts are very much appreciated. Please call Associate Chaplain Karen Bieker 628-8670 or 628-3241.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Rachel Wentling, Principal
625-3131

- May 10th 3rd grade Church Tours field trip.
 - May 11th Mother's Mass for last names "A-K"!
 - May 12th 1:15 p.m.-Early Release Day-dismissal @ 1:15.
 - May 13th 6th gr. Field Trip to Salt Mines.
 - May 13th Last day of Preschool!
 - May 14th 2nd gr. Church Tours Field Trip.
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THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN

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

TMP-M Pop Singers Showcase "Kaleidoscope" Saturday May 8th, 7 pm, Sunday May 9th, 2 pm. Pre show dessert bar opens 1 hour prior to show. Tickets \$10. Call Kathy 650-4371

Thank you for another successful Auction for Christian Education. Thank you also for your ongoing dedication to our Catholic schools. God's blessing abound! Donations to ACE item # 60 can still be made by visiting tmp-m.org/ace or through the Alumni Office. All donations to item # 60 are tax deductible and matched up to the first \$200,000 by the Leo J. & Albina Dreiling Trust. Funds from item # 60 will be used toward the re-pavement of roads and parking lots.

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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.