

# 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)

## Sunday, April 24th, 2022 ~ Sunday of Divine Mercy

### MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. April 24	8:00 am	L/D Matt & Clara Zimmerman fam
Wed. April 27	7:30 am	Verlin & Elaine Pfannenstiel
Sun. May 1	8:00 am	+Nick & Almeda Stecklein
Wed. May 4	7:30 am	+Colton Lane

### SERVERS

Sunday, April 24	Cali Richmeier & Rafe Richmeier
Sunday, May 1	Logan Leiker & Trenton Staley

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, April 24	Ernie, John, Peggy, Wendy
Sunday, May 1	Jenilyn, Lauren, Ken, Bea

### LECTORS

### OFFERTORY GIFTS

Sun. April 24	Valerie Dome	Herman & Rose Leiker
Sun. May 1	Nathan Leiker	First Communicants

### GREETERS

Sunday, April 24	Jason & Rose Carter
Sunday, May 1	Jason & Kacy Gerstner

### COLLECTION TEAM

#### Sunday, April 24

Blake Leiker, Donovan Richmeier, Trenton Staley, Darold Younker

#### Sunday, May 1

Wilbert Gross, Larry Koirth, Tony Staley, Neal Younger

### TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

Sunday, April 24	Randy & Michelle Werth
Sunday, May 1	Jeff & Wendy Richmeier
Sunday, May 8	Deanna Leiker
Sunday, May 15	Mark & Dora Leiker

### Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure

Envelopes	\$1,670.00
Easter Env.	\$1,050.00
Loose	\$267.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,987.00</b>



### REFLECTION FROM DEACON STEVE URBAN

Acts 5:12-16  
Revelation 1:9-13,17-19  
John 20:19-31

The resurrected Jesus gives to his Church and the world two of the greatest gifts...peace and the power of forgiveness. Each year on the second Sunday of Easter we hear from the Gospel of John in which the resurrected Jesus offers his disciples the gift of peace three times. Along with peace, Jesus also bestows on his Church the power to bring new life through forgiveness. In the first reading from Acts of the Apostles, the early church community continues to do the work of their leader by healing and driving out unclean spirits. And in the second reading from Revelation, the disciple John receives his inaugural vision in which the risen Christ or the Son of Man declares that death has no more power. Then in the Gospel, the resurrected Christ, living in his Church, proclaims peace and forgiveness. Death no longer has power for any of us, but now living in the power of the resurrection we give to the world the gifts of peace and forgiveness.

In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, the author is writing an ancient cultic-biography according to the scripture scholar Charles Talbert. The cultic-biography is made up of two parts. The first part is the career of the community's founder in which the followers of this founder find their inspiration and model their life on the principles of their leader. The second portion is a narrative of the founder's successors and other disciples. So in Luke-Acts we have this story of Jesus and his marvelous deeds and his savings works, and then we see his followers or the apostles continuing the same works and great deeds. Today we also see Peter, like Jesus himself, curing those with various illnesses and driving out demons. The bridge between Jesus and the early Church is the power of the Holy Spirit who guided Jesus and now directs his new Church.

In the Gospel from John, we have the resurrected Jesus appearing to his disciples on Easter Sunday and bestowing on them the power to forgive sins through the Holy Spirit. The disciples are fearful for their lives so they are hunkered down in the upper room behind locked doors. The resurrected Christ appears to them and gives them the first gift of the resurrection, the gift of peace. While some might think peace is a mere absence of conflict, peace in the biblical sense means wholeness, total health, and total welfare. It means completeness. Jesus brings this sense of wholeness to the disciples' lives and takes away their fears. But then just like the first creation in Genesis, the Spirit comes down upon the disciples, and they are made new through the healing power of forgiveness. Jesus gives to his Church the power to forgive sins and bring reconciliation and healing. The resurrection ushers in a new era where peace, wholeness, and forgiveness reign supreme. No longer are the disciples to be covered in fear but are empowered to go forth and preach hope and new life.

So what are we to take from these scripture readings for the second Sunday of Easter. I think we are to go out and, like the disciples, forgive people their sins. While we cannot be like a priest and offer them absolution, we can offer people peace and healing when we release them from their sins by forgiving them. By forgiving them of the pain that they

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inflicted on us, we set them free to live a new beginning. They are given the beginning of wholeness that we long for. So this Easter Season demands that we look at our relationships with family and friends and go out of ourselves and extend the hand of forgiveness. Easter and the resurrected Jesus call us forth from behind the locked doors of fear, resentment, and the desire for revenge. We are empowered by the Holy Spirit, like Peter, to heal and drive out demons. All this is done by offering forgiveness and reconciliation in Jesus' name through the Holy Spirit.

~ *Deacon Steve*



The Divine Mercy Prayer Service will be held at 3pm, Sunday, April 24, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. The hour will include Eucharistic Exposition, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy in song, litany of prayers and meditation. Jesus entrusted Saint Maria Faustina with the task of spreading the message of his Divine Mercy through a series of visions and interior locutions in the 1930s. When Pope John Paul II canonized Saint Faustina April 30, 2000, he declared the Sunday after Easter to be Divine Mercy Sunday and an official feast day of the Church. **CONFESSIONS WILL BE HEARD BEGINNING AT 2pm.** This prayer service is sponsored by Divine Mercy Radio.

Following Mass this Sunday, Fr. Damian will lead the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

**K of C Meeting:** Monday, April 25th 7:00 pm.

**First Holy Communion** at Mass next Sunday.

**Value Them Both** Presentation by: David Beauchamp, Kansas Family Voice, on Tuesday, April 26, from 6:30 to 7:30pm, at the Hays Public Library, 1205 Main St., Hays. For questions, please contact: Eugenia Spady at 785-623-

**Religious Education:** Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

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

Jesus connects PEACE and FORGIVENESS in today's gospel. In our families we will only experience peace to the extent we forgive one another. Peace is purchased with the currency of forgiveness. When we allow our anger and pride to lock out others, we also lock out peace and harmony.



**Prayer Requests:** Leon B, Terry Hauschel, Theo Leiker, 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.*

**Stewardship Renewal Forms:** 38% have been returned. Everyone is asked to complete their form and return as soon as possible. This information helps maintain parish data with regards to time, talent and treasure.

Trinity Lutheran Church invites you to join them for a **BBQ to benefit Options Domestic and Sexual Violence Services, Inc.**, on Sunday, April 24, from 11am to 1pm, at Trinity Lutheran, 2703 Fort St. The menu includes a choice of smoked meats (ribs, brisket, turkey, and pulled pork), baked beans, coleslaw, potato salad, and a variety of desserts. A freewill offering lets you enjoy this delicious meal, and support Options, Inc.! These funds will be used for Options' work in the 18 counties of Northwest Kansas that they serve. No pre-orders taken, to-go orders accepted.

**Source and Summit** Listen to Divine Mercy Radio Spring Care-a-Thon April 26-29 Radio @ 105.7 – Phone app – Echo -- @dvmercy.com – Live on Facebook & YouTube

#### **Tuesday, April 26**

7 am – Fr. Fred Gatschet

9 am – Cory Munsch & Christian Lutz – Deus homo (Latin for Godly Man)

10 am – Fr. Andy Hammeke

12 pm – Fr. Joshua Werth – Exorcism & Psychology

2 pm – Fr. Damian Richards – Teaching Moments

3 pm – Bishop Gerald Vincke – Calling from Rome

5 pm – Adam Urban & Kade Megaffin - Candidacy

#### **Wednesday, April 27**

8 am – Kay Werth & Kathy Rome – Tour die Kapellen (Tour of the Chapels)

5 pm – Geoff Andrews – Superintendent of Catholic Schools, Diocese of Salina

#### **Thursday, April 28**

8 am – Fr. Gale Hammerschmidt

9 am – Fr. Bernie Gorges – Value Them Both

10 am – Fr. Brian Lager

4 pm – Rick Binder – Meeting Jesus on the Mountain

#### **Friday, April 29**

7 am – Bill Meagher – Saints for our Young People

10 am – Michael & Emily Reif – Tested by Fire

12 pm – Dave & Catherine DiNuzzo – Embracing the Cross: Overcoming Anxiety

2 pm – Mother Miriam – "The Mass: The Passover Fulfilled"

**Adoration Under the Stars** sponsored by the Comeau Catholic Campus Center. To be held May 6th, 8:30 pm at the TMP-M Grotto. This would be the first event ever in the Diocese of Salina and will be held at the TMP-Marian Grotto with our Bishop Gerald Vincke present. Come and bring your family and friends for praise and worship to adore Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament under the beauty that He created. Confessions will also be available as well. Come let us adore Him! **BRING A BLANKET OR LAWN CHAIR!**



**Faith and Family** with host Steve Wood uses his background in protestant preaching to dive into Scripture to teach the meaning behind the words found in the Bible. Tune in to 105.7 FM, online at dvmercy.com, or on the free phone app at 8:30 AM on Sat.

**MEMORIAL MASS FOR PARENTS WHO HAVE LOST A CHILD** May 11th at 2:00 P.M., Mass at Sacred Heart Church in Colby and May 12th at 2:00 P.M., Mass at St. Andrews Church in Abilene. A reception will follow both Masses. Please see the Office of Family Life for more information.



The Kansas Primary Election slated for August 2, 2022, may be the most important election of our times. A YES vote for the "Value Them Both" legislation is critical and we need every registered voter of our Catholic Community to get out and vote "YES" in August. Pray for the unborn and pray for LIFE!

## Pray For Rain

Prayer to St. Joseph for Rain Blessed Saint Joseph, God chose you to be the husband of the Virgin Mary and the foster father of Jesus. You cared for the Son of God as your own son and taught him a trade. Because you were so close to him, He will not refuse anything you ask. Intercede for us in our great need. Pray for the blessing of rain. We are grateful for the moisture that we have received, but the land needs more. Ask God to water our fields and gardens, to fill the rivers, streams and lakes, and to bless our crops and livestock. Help us to live close to Jesus and Mary, as you did, strong in faith and good works, caring for one another. Amen.

*Mary, Mother of God, and Spouse of Joseph, Pray for Us.*

*St. Isidore, Patron of Farmers and Farm Life, Pray for Us.*

**Gracious God, we pray for all persons suffering from war.** May they be held in your loving care and protection and given the strength to endure great suffering and hardship. Transform the hearts and minds of all those who perpetuate violence and oppression. Grant wisdom to world leaders in advancing efforts toward world peace; may they not be compromised by self-interest and blind indifference. We ask all this through the intercession of Our Lady, Queen of Peace and in the name of your Son Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

### CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



#### HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Rachel Wentling, Principal  
(785) 625-3131

- May 3 2nd Gr. 1st Holy Communion Recognition at School Mass, 8:00 am IHM
- May 5 Mother's Mass & Altar Server recognition
- May 6 May Crowning & First Friday Prayer Circles
- 5th Gr. Famous Figures County-wide

**Job Openings:** Classroom Teacher-Grade level to be determined. If you are a serious educator ready for the opportunities that a Catholic school can offer, please consider applying with a cover letter, resume, and three references to Principal Rachel Wentling at [wentling@hfehays.org](mailto:wentling@hfehays.org).

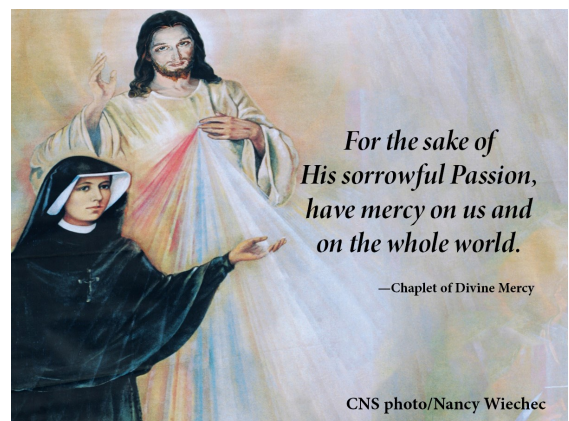
Holy Family Elementary is searching for an individual to assist with cooking and/or dishes in the Holy Family school kitchen. If interested, please stop by the school office to pick up an application between 7:30-4:00 Monday-Friday.



#### THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN

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

Breakfast Party Supporting the Heartland Relief Fund will be held on Sunday, April 24, from 8am to noon, at TMP-M Cafeteria. 1701 Hall St. For information, contact Ella Brummer at 785-639-8904 or Kassidi Yost at 785-650-2015



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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.*