

# 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)



**Sunday, May 14, 2023 ~ Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Sun. May 14	8:00 am	L/D Christian Mothers
Wed. May 17	7:30 am	+Henry & Loretta Stecklein
Sun. May 21	8:00 am	L/D Tony & Patty Rohr family
Wed. May 24	7:30 am	+Pat & Pauline Miller and +Paul & Ida Leiker

**SERVERS**

Sunday, May 14	Hayley Gerstner & Reylyn Leiker
Sunday, May 21	Cali Richmeier & Rafe Richmeier

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Sun. May 14	Jenalyn L, Tony S, Bea S, Deacon Steve
Sun. May 21	John M, Peggy R, Josh W, Tina W.

**LECTORS                      OFFERTORY GIFTS**

Sun. May 14	Lauren Moeder	Jeff & Wendy Richmeier
Sun. May 21	Natalie Oborny	Donovan Richmeier

**GREETERS**

Sunday, May 14	Jeanette Pfannenstiel
Sunday, May 21	Ken & Peggy Richmeier

**COLLECTION TEAM**

**Sunday, May 14**

Nathan Leiker, Rich Ruder, Caleb Staley, Randy Werth

**Sunday, May 21**

Brian P, Donovan R, Trenton S, Sid S.

**TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS**

Sunday, May 14	Jason & Rose Carter
Sunday, May 21	Herman & Rosie Leiker
Sunday, May 28	Ernie & Lilly Binder
Sunday, June 4	Linda Gross

**Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure**

Envelopes	\$1,956.00
Loose	\$296.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,252.00</b>



**REFLECTION FROM DEACON STEVE URBAN**

Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8, 14-17  
1 Peter 3:15-18  
John 14:15-21

We're just a couple of weeks away from Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit, but these last weeks of Easter already hint at the power of the Spirit working in the Church and our lives. In the first reading from Acts, the Samaritans who were baptized waited for the apostles Peter and John to lay hands on them and receive the fullness of the Spirit. In the Gospel from John, Jesus says there is another paraclete or advocate besides himself, and that is the person of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is within us and guides us to obey the commandments, especially the commandment to love. The Holy Spirit is often misunderstood and overlooked in our lives because the Spirit moves like the wind in a mysterious way without being controlled or harnessed. Let's reflect on the Holy Spirit and pray for the gift of the Spirit to empower us to live the Gospel and to love more fully.

In our first reading today, the Church is undergoing great persecution as was witnessed by the death of the first martyr St. Stephen. Although not mentioned in our pericope, Saul was part of this persecution as he was going from house to house dragging people from their home and taking them into prison. However, the word of God cannot be chained. Because of this persecution, the Church was moving out into new areas and one of these was Samaria. If you remember, Jews and Samaritans hate each other. In this reading, Philip, one of the first deacons, goes into the region of Samaria avoided by Jews and starts preaching the Gospel. Like Jesus himself who healed and drove out demons, Philip follows in Jesus footsteps and does likewise. It was not Philip who did these miracles and accomplished great works, it was God's Spirit working through Philip. The people of Samaria were baptized, but Peter and John had to come and bestow the Spirit on them through the laying on of hands. The Spirit is truly powerful in our lives if we open our hearts in prayer asking for the gift of this third person of the Trinity.

In the Gospel, we read from chapter 14 which is Jesus' words before his passion and death. As Patricia Datchuck Sanchez says in her commentary on this Sunday's Gospel, you would think we hear about Jesus' resurrection appearances and not Jesus' message before his Crucifixion. Yet chapters 14-17 are like an "Easter program" that impart knowledge about how Jesus' death and resurrection should impact our lives. One of the insights in today's reading is that the Father will send another advocate, helper, or mediator like Jesus himself. This advocate will be the Holy Spirit who helps us to know the truth. Even though we don't always follow the truth, the Spirit of God continues to offer himself to guide us and lead us. The world doesn't want to know the truth because it convicts the world of doing wrong. True followers of Jesus know the truth within themselves, and it is truly life-giving. They are not swayed by the world, but are led by God's Spirit.

As we reflect on the readings for this Sunday, we must realize everything we do must be driven by God's Spirit. So often we think we are the ones driving our lives. We think

we are the ones who are directing our lives making important decisions. We are wrong. It is God's Spirit who is leading to holiness. We have to learn to trust that Spirit and get out of the way. That's why some form of quiet or contemplative prayer is so critical for our spiritual growth. Whether we are sitting before the Blessed Sacrament or spending fifteen minutes in contemplative prayer, we need some sort of practice where we can attune our hearts to hearing the voice of the Holy Spirit.

~ Deacon Steve

**Mother's Day Breakfast** hosted by the Knights of Columbus will be held following Mass this Sunday in the Munjor School Gym. Everyone is invited.

**Blessing of Farms:** In honor of St. Isidore, patron saint of farmers and rural communities, Father Damian will bless farms upon request. Please contact Father to schedule your farm blessing. *St. Isidore Feast Day is May 15th.*

**Christian Mothers Meeting** Sunday, May 21st following Mass. This will be the last meeting until September.

**K of C Meeting** Monday, May 22nd 7:00 p.m.

**Pastoral Council Nominees.** There are two vacancies that need to be filled. If you are interested in serving on the Council or would like to nominate someone, drop that information in the collection basket. Election will take place in June.

**Perpetual Adoration Chapel openings:** Saturdays, 10pm; and Sundays, noon & 10pm. Contact Geri Rupp 785-639-5588.

**Stewardship Renewal Forms: 53% have been returned. Are you part of the 53%?** It is not too late to turn your forms in, if you have not already done so. ***What gifts of time, talent and treasure will you share?***

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION**

*"For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be God's will, than for doing evil." 1 PETER 3:17*

The old line says "if you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans." Many of us are diligent in our planning and making sure things are progressing smoothly. Then disaster strikes, we don't get the result we anticipated or an unforeseen problem arises. Many times we may respond negatively and ask, "Why me? I did everything right!" Here's the thing – adversity humbles us and reminds us of our dependence on God and not on our own self-reliance. Rest assured, God has a better plan in store for you.

**EVENTS IN THE HEARTLAND**

**ROGATION DAY PROCESSION & MASS** Tuesday, May 16, at 5:30pm at St. Joseph's Catholic Church we will start with a procession either outside or inside, depending on the weather, and then celebrate Mass in the Church. We will be pleading to God for rain. Please join us for these Rogation Day prayers.

**The St. Joseph Cemetery** maintenance crew will begin preparing to mow the cemetery. We ask that all items NOT ATTACHED to any of the monuments to please be removed by Sunday, May 16th.

**The Basilica of St. Fidelis in Victoria will hold their annual Fidelisfest on Saturday, June 3.** Mass at 4:00 p.m. followed by church tour. A German Wedding Dinner (wedding roast, stewed noodles, mashed potatoes & gravy, and vegetables) will be served from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Tickets: \$15 for adults, \$7 for children age 5-12, and free for children under 5 and can be purchased at the St. Fidelis Parish Office, 601 10<sup>th</sup> Street, or call 785-735-2777. A limited number of tickets will be sold at the door. There will also be a Keepsake Store, Bake Sale, Kids' Games, Beer & Brat Garden, and a Raffle Drawing (\$3,000 in prizes to be given away). In the evening there will be musical entertainment with a free dance.

**St. Nicholas of Myra Blood Drive** will be held on Monday, June 5, from noon to 6pm, at St. Nicholas Parish Hall. Please contact the Parish Office at 785-628-1446, to make an appointment.

**St. Joseph's Knights of Columbus Council #1325** is sponsoring their annual fundraiser – 31 Days of Cash Give-away from July 1 to July 31, 2023. A \$25 donation per ticket and only 400 tickets will be sold. One ticket will be drawn every day in July. Winners will be notified daily. Every ticket will be included in all drawings. You could win multiple times! The cash payouts are as follows:

July 1-28 will be \$125 each day

July 29 will be \$250 July 30 will be \$350

July 31 will be three \$500 winners  
Please contact Irvin Leiker at 785-628-1984 or Roger Rife at 785-623-1852 for your tickets. Tickets are also available at the St. Joseph Parish Office.



Rick Werth, 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.*



**Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas** from Mother's Day weekend, May 13-14<sup>th</sup> to Father's Day weekend, June-17-18<sup>th</sup>. This campaign provides support to mothers in our communities facing economic struggles, giving them access to critical resources so they can provide for their babies.

**First Responders Appreciation BBQ**, Saturday, June 3, 2023 from 11:00am to 2:00pm. Sponsored by all Ellis County Knights of Columbus Councils. For all active and retired responders and their families. Frontier Park East shelter house. Serving hamburgers, hot dogs, brats and refreshments. Rain plan will be in the Activity Center.

**Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University** If you've ever felt like you just can't get in control of your money, you're not alone. You'd be surprised how many people you know are struggling just like you. But it's time for that struggle to end—starting when you take a Financial Peace University class. In just nine lessons, you'll learn biblical and commonsense ways of handling money. Class starts on Sunday, May 28, 2023. No worries if you're out of town and have to miss a class during the summer as we can help you make it up. Contact Scott and Jennifer Brown to sign up today - jabrown831@gmail.com The first ten to sign up will get materials at a reduced cost



**CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS**



**HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY**

Rachel Wentling, Principal  
(785) 625-3131

- May 15 Field Day
- May 16 5th Grade Recognition Mass 8:00 am
- May 17 Last Day of School  
2nd Gr. Church Tours Field Trip

**Holy Family Elementary is hiring! Join our team**

Preschool Teacher ~ Full-time Paraprofessional  
Part-time Paraprofessional

Call the office at 785-625-3131 or visit our website [www.hfehays.org](http://www.hfehays.org) for an application & more info!

**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

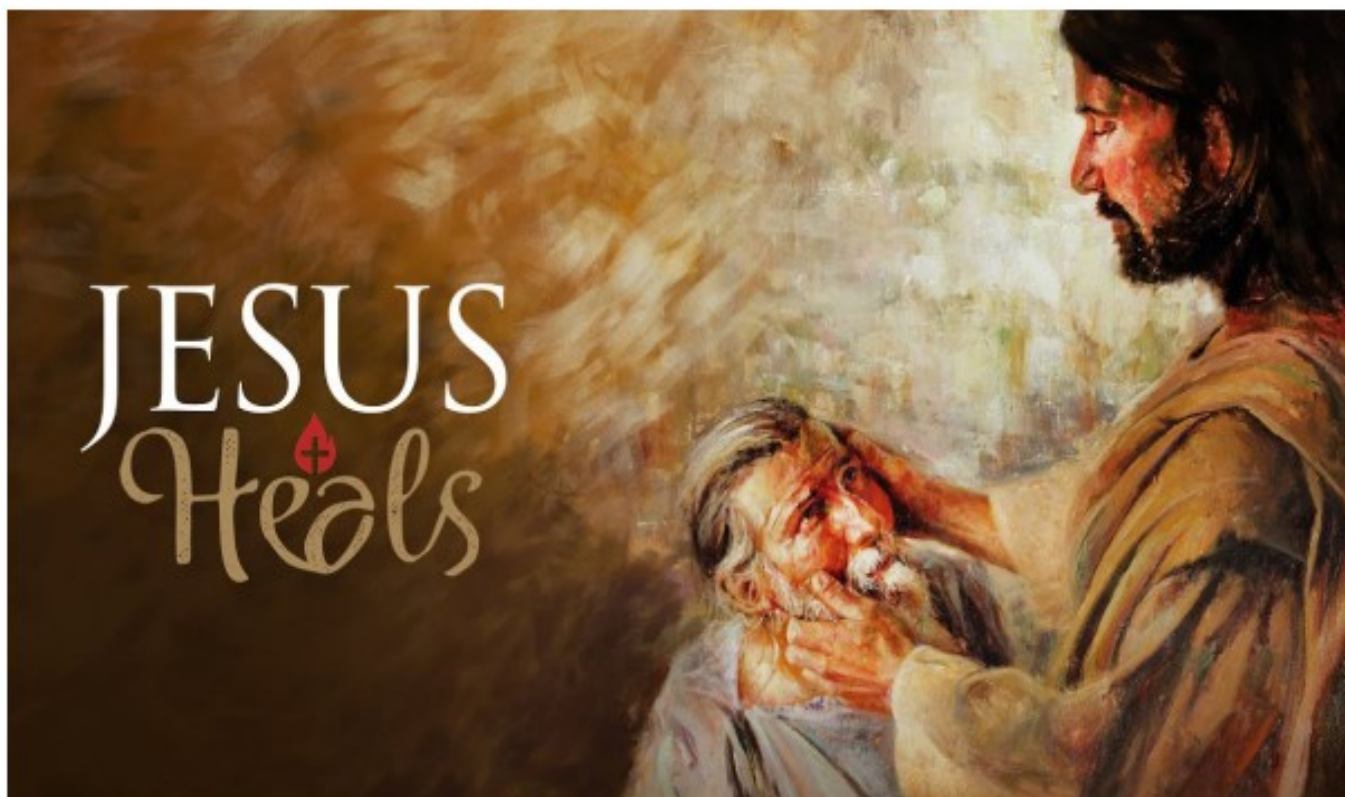
- May 15 Seniors 1/2 day Graduation Practice
- May 16 JH Last Day of School
- May 21 Graduation 4:00 pm

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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, JUNE 2, 2023**

Father Rich Daise with Father Leo Blasi and Priests from the Diocese of Salina  
St Joseph Catholic Church • 215 W 13th Street • Hays, KS 67601

6:00 PM Exposition and Adoration / Confessions / Rosary

7:00 PM 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) 625-7356



## 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!**