

# St. Francis of Assisi Church

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

## PASTOR

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## PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

Lilly Binder 623-8000

## FINANCE/PASTORAL COUNCIL

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Ernie Binder 639-5314

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## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

### GRAND KNIGHT

Kevin Stramel 623-7107

## CHRISTIAN MOTHERS PRESIDENT

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](http://www/hfehays.org)

Thomas More Prep-Marian 625-6577

[www.tmp-m.org](http://www.tmp-m.org)



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### MASS INTENTIONS

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Sun. Jan. 24 8:00 am L/D Marvin & Mary Jo Braun family  
Wed. Jan. 27 7:30 am L/D John G. Befort family  
Sun. Jan. 31 8:00 am +Nick & Almeda Stecklein  
Wed. Feb 3 7:30 am L/D Chris Brull family

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#### SERVERS

Sunday, Jan. 24 Braydon Binder & Rexton Leiker  
Sunday, Jan. 31 Valerie Dome & Ahnalyne Leiker

#### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, Jan. 24 Lilly Binder & Michelle Werth  
Sunday, Jan. 31 Peggy Richmeier & Glenn Stramel

#### LECTORS

Sunday, Jan. 24 Ernie Binder  
Sunday, Jan. 31 Lilly Binder

#### COLLECTION TEAM

##### Sunday, January 24

John Oborny, Jeff Richmeier, Darold Younker, Brandon Zimmerman

##### Sunday, January 31

Ernie Binder, Kenny Pfannenstiel, Tony Rohr, Randy Werth

#### TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

Sunday, Jan. 24 Jason & Rose Carter  
Sunday, Jan. 31 Linda Gross  
Sunday, Feb. 7 Aaron & Kolleen Dome  
Sunday, Feb. 14 Herman & Rosie Leiker

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#### Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure

Envelopes	\$1,425.00
Loose	<u>\$65.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,490.00</b>



Contributions can also be mailed to the Parish Office:  
St. Francis Church  
883 Moscow St.  
Munjoy, KS 67601

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#### REFLECTION FROM DEACON STEVE URBAN

Jonah 3: 1-5, 10  
1 Corinthians 7: 29-31  
Mark 1: 14-21

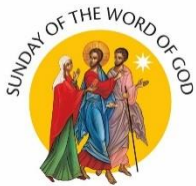
Change happens in our lives without our wishing or wanting it. Transformation is our choosing to change and become better. A change in our world is that cell phones have taken the place of landline phones. This change we can't do much about, but how we use our cell phones and the choice not to become addicted to them requires a transformation in our behavior. Today's three Scripture readings are about the power of *metanoia*, the Greek word for radical change of heart...a one-hundred-and-eighty-degree turnaround in our heart. Jesus says it so plainly and yet so profoundly...Repent and believe. Repentance is never just regret or sorrow for one's sins and failures, but a radical changing or transformation of one's life. We can see change as good or bad, but transformation in our lives is always grace and very good.

In the first reading from the Book of the Prophet Jonah, the reluctant prophet is sent to Nineveh, the capital of Assyria, to preach repentance. Jonah is hesitant because God is sending him to pagans. To preach to the entire city of Nineveh, because of its size, should take Jonah three days, but God's powerful word brings the people to repent in just one day. Because the people repented, God relented of the evil he had threatened to carry out. In the second reading from first Corinthians, Paul, believing the end of the world is imminent, urges his listeners to be in the world but not of the world. In other words, Paul urges us to be transformed in how we live in the world. This world is passing away, and so we must stay detached from it. Finally, in Mark's Gospel, Jesus begins his ministry with the foundational core of his preaching. His entire preaching and mission could be summed up in two short statements. "The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." All three readings summon its listeners to a new way of living. We must renounce all that keeps us from following the Gospel, and must make a positive commitment to following Jesus and his kingdom.

Change is hard, but transformation is even more difficult. For most of us a radical change is probably not going to take place. Instead, God's grace works with our human nature and brings about change slowly. So how can we bring about transformation of our hearts? I believe first we have to desire a transformation. Without the desire which begins with God's grace there is no change. Second, we need prayer to expand our hearts and make them big enough to accept the need for transformation. Third, we need some sort of daily practice to examine our lives to take inventory of how we are doing and where we

need to improve. This daily inventory is an examination of conscience or the Examen Prayer as developed by St. Ignatius of Loyola. The Examen is practiced at least once a daily preferably before retiring for bed. It starts with gratitude or thanking God for how he has worked today in your life. Next you petition God to send the Holy Spirit so that you might see and understand God's workings. Third, you review the entire day being attuned to those events where God was speaking to you and acting on your heart. Fourth, you ask for forgiveness for your failures and sins. Fifth, you renew your heart by looking ahead to tomorrow and recommitting to intentionally following Jesus and his way. The kingdom of heaven is now! So repent and believe!

Deacon Steve...



“Pope Francis instituted *The Sunday of the Word of God* to be held every year on the third Sunday of Ordinary Time.

It is meant to reawaken in the clergy and the faithful the importance and value of sacred Scripture for the Christian life, as

well as the relationship between the word of God and the liturgy. Though it is to be held every year on the third Sunday of Ordinary Time, a day devoted to the Bible should not be seen as a yearly event but rather a year-long event, for we urgently need to grow in our knowledge and love of the Scriptures and of the risen Lord. God continues to speak his word and to break bread in the community of believers, which is why Catholics need to develop a closer relationship with sacred Scripture; otherwise, our hearts will remain cold and our eyes shut, inflicted as we are by so many forms of blindness.”

**Religious Formation:** Wednesday, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.



**Borrowed Tables:** The parish is missing some of the old white, heavier tables that were once used in the Parish Hall. If you have them, would appreciate if you would let Lilly know when they will be returned. Thank you!

**JANUARY** - Lent begins next month with fish fries across the country. The U.S. imports 80-90% of its seafood. Tens of thousands of people are exploited at every level in seafood harvesting and production. Learn more about the *Labeling Campaign of CATHOLIC COALITION ORGANIZATIONS AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING*. U.S. Catholic Sisters against Human Trafficking is a 501 © (3) organization (sistersagainstrafficking.org), 2039 N Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131.

2020 Contribution Forms are at the entrances.  
If you find any discrepancies, please contact Lilly.  
Thank you for your ongoing financial support to our parish.

**Engaged Couples Marriage prep:  
BELOVED Seminar**

**February 20, 2021 - 8:30 am - 4 pm**

Immaculate Heart of Mary 1805 Vine St — Hays, KS

Pre-Registration Required by: February 12, 2021

Contact to register call or email: 785-625-7339

Nancy Urban - [nurban76@gmail.com](mailto:nurban76@gmail.com)

Susan Kisner - [skisner@ihm-church.com](mailto:skisner@ihm-church.com)



Bryson Werth, Scott, Adam, Stacy Dittmer,  
Special Intentions, Ramona Weigel, Curt

Brungardt, Carole Carter, Stan Herrmann, Parishioners in  
Health Care Facilities.

Drop requests in the collection basket or let Lilly know.

*Let Lilly know when the intention can be removed.*

**Perpetual Adoration Chapel Notice:** The Archangels are needing subs to pray at the chapel for the open Adoration hours. This can be a weekly or monthly commitment. Please call one of the Archangels listed to volunteer.

Bob & Carol Feauto: (12 a.m. to 6 a.m.), 628-1429;

Lorraine Brungardt, (6 a.m. to 12 p.m.), 625-3021;

Yvonne Demuth: (12 p.m. to 6 p.m.), 656-9543;

Gerri Rupp (6 p.m. to 12 a.m.) 639-5588

**Adoration Hours Open:**

Thursday 1:00AM

Saturday 4:00AM, 6:00AM, 5:00PM & 11:00PM

**St. Joseph's Food Pantry** Distribution Days: Feb 6 & 20

**Cursillo** “Is learning more about your Catholic faith important to you? Do you yearn for a deep relationship with Christ? Do you hunger for closer friendships with your fellow Christians? If you can answer yes to any of these questions, perhaps a Cursillo weekend might be for you. These weekends bring together Catholics at a deep spiritual and personal level with the intent of evangelizing the culture where each of us live, work, and play. Plans are being made now for: Men’s March 4-7, and Women’s March 18-22. Contact Patricia Dusin at 785-302-1220 for more info.



O God, in whom we live and move and have our being, grant us sufficient moisture, so that, being supplied with what sustains us in this present life, we may seek more confidently what sustains us for eternity. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

Holy Family Elementary School

**Annual Chili Supper & Bazaar**

Sunday, January 31, 2021 3:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M

Holy Family Elementary School, 18<sup>th</sup> and Vine, Hays

**MENU:** Chili, hot chicken sandwiches on homemade buns, relishes, desserts. *Meal tickets are \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children (ages 4-12). Tickets are available in advance at the school office or when you pick up your meal. Drive-thru and take-out ONLY! Drive-thru line will run in the playground parking lot. To-go meals can be picked up by walking inside and down to the Activity Center! Delivery for meals will be available. Pre-purchasing meal tickets will help us keep the lines moving smoothly!*

Raffle items this year, include a Napoleon gas grill, \$1,000 cash prize, 65" Smart TV, Xbox Seris X, children's bikes, memberships, gift cards, electronics, appliances, and much more! Raffle tickets are due to HFE by January 25<sup>th</sup>!

This special fundraiser will look a little different this year to keep it a safe event for our school community! Silent Auction items will be displayed in the school gym and can be previewed in person between 10-4 on Saturday the 30<sup>th</sup>. Auction items can only be bid for online, and the link will be published on our school website and school Facebook page. The auction will close at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday and winners will be able to pick up their items as they come by for their meals! Raffle winners will be announced through Facebook LIVE at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday.

The Scholastic Book Fair will be running in the Little Theater for all of your family's book needs on Saturday between 10-4! We have set an ambitious goal on meal ticket sales this year in hopes of this being a successful fundraiser for our school, even in a different format! ALL of these, and general donations for the chili supper, help the school's budget and future facility/educational needs!

*Thank you for your ongoing support of Catholic education in our community.*

**CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS**



**HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY**

Rachel Wentling, Principal  
625-3131

Jan 25 Advisory Council Mtg. 5:15 p.m. Library

Jan 31 HFE Students wear Uniforms to Mass

HFE Chili Supper, 4:00-7:00 p.m. at Holy Family

Jan 31 – Feb 5 ~ *Catholic Schools Week!*



**THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN**

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

**Catholic Schools Week ~ February 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>**

Our Heartland Parishes Catholic Schools give thanks to God for the blessing of this mission of the Catholic church. While many of the events will be different this year, we look forward to the celebration and ask for your prayers in support of our Catholic school students, faculty and staff.

**Auction for Christian Education 2021**

The annual TMP-Marian Auction for Christian Education (ACE) is in the planning stages! Always the last weekend of April, the auction is set for April 24<sup>th</sup>. ACE 2021 will be fully online with a watch party hosted by the Alumni Association being offered. Solicitation for gifts and donations in support of ACE will begin February 1<sup>st</sup>. Further details are being sent to homes. With ACE being a major funding arm for TMP-Marian and Holy Family, we ask for your prayers and generosity.

**St. Thomas More Society**

Donations to the St. Thomas More Society directly benefit the education of our Catholic school students. Gifts received prior to December 31, 2020 will be credited to your calendar year giving. All gifts received between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021 will move us closer to the \$520,000 goal for this fiscal year. For questions regarding the STMS and all giving opportunities available, please contact Troy Ruda at [rudat@tmpmarian.org](mailto:rudat@tmpmarian.org)

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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.*