

# 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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## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

### GRAND KNIGHT

Kevin Stramel 623-7107

## CHRISTIAN MOTHERS PRESIDENT

Jane Younger 259-3374

## 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)





**MASS INTENTIONS**

Sun. Feb 13 8:00 am L/D Mike & Celeste Stecklein family  
 Wed. Feb 16 7:30 am L/D Gilbert & Gloria Leiker family  
 Sun. Feb 20 8:00 am L/D Wilbert & Mary Ann Gross fam.  
 Wed. Feb 23 >>> NO MASS <<<

**SERVERS**

Sunday, Feb 13 Alec Gerstner & Rexton Leiker  
 Sunday, Feb 20 Wyatt Gerstner & Makailyn Leiker

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Sunday, Feb 13 Nathan Leiker & Wendy Richmeier  
 Sunday, Feb 20 Lilly Binder & Bea Suppes

**LECTORS**

**OFFERTORY GIFTS**

Sun. Feb 13 Lilly Binder Ken & Peggy Richmeier  
 Sun. Feb 20 Ernie Binder Jeff & Wendy Richmeier

**GREETERS**

Sunday, Feb 13 Jeff & Wendy Richmeier  
 Sunday, Feb 20 Tony & Patty Rohr

**COLLECTION TEAM**

**Sunday, February 13**

Ken Richmeier, Sid Steinert, Glenn Stramel, Brandon Zimmerman

**Sunday, February 20**

Mark Leiker, John Oborny, Gary Staab, Caleb Staley

**TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS**

Sunday, Feb 13 Jeff & Wendy Richmeier  
 Sunday, Feb 20 Mark & Dora Leiker  
 Sunday, Feb 27 Jason & Rose Carter  
 Sunday, Mar 6 Ernie & Lilly Binder

**Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure**

Envelopes	\$1,970.00
Loose	\$150.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,120.00</b>



**REFLECTION FROM DEACON STEVE URBAN**

Jeremiah 17:5-8  
 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20  
 Luke 6:17, 20-26

The word "paradox" could describe today's Gospel and possibly the first reading. Paradox is often defined as a statement that is seemingly contradictory. The term *paradox* comes from the Greek *para* ("contrary to") and *doxa* ("opinion"). Thereby, a paradox came to be used for something that was contrary to, or contradicted, common sense. In today's Sermon on the Plain, Jesus says that the poor are blessed and will inherit the kingdom of God. Such a statement is a paradox. In our world, poverty is surely not a cause for happiness or blessedness. Nor is hunger, weeping, or being insulted for the sake of holiness. Yet, Jesus holds up these beatitudes as the ethical demands for discipleship. The world ridicules such Gospel paradoxes and is opposed to Jesus' beatitudes for happiness. Yet, we know Jesus' beatitudes are the key to holiness and happiness if only we trust in his grace.

Our first reading is taken from a section of the prophet Jeremiah that includes wisdom sayings. The prophet contrasts those who trust in God with those who trust in human beings. Using images from nature, Jeremiah says that those who trust merely in human persons, and disregard God's will, are like a barren bush cut off from a water supply. In the arid climate of Judah, a lack of a water supply usually meant death. By contrast, Jeremiah points out that those who put all their trust in God are like a tree that is planted besides a rich water source. Speaking in a paradoxical manner, Jeremiah says that this tree fears not the heat nor a year of drought. The reason is this tree has roots that go deep into a water supply. For those who put all their trust in God, they are like this tree who flourishes no matter what trials come their way.

In the Gospel, we hear what is called the "Sermon on the Plain". Unlike the evangelist Matthew who has Jesus delivering his "Magna Charta" on the mountaintop, Luke has Jesus speaking to his disciples on a "stretch of level ground". While Matthew has Jesus giving the disciples nine statements on happiness, Luke includes only four and pairs each of the four with a statement of woe. Each of Luke's beatitudes involves an eschatological dimension. In other words, the reward for living a life of poverty and depending totally on God is not so much in this lifetime but in the future. Hungering for holiness and justice and weeping for God's fulfillment finds reward not in this earthly life but in the heavenly kingdom. By contrast, in Jesus' statements of woe, those who are rich in themselves, who are self-reliant and lack for nothing, who are prideful and spoken well of, have received their reward in this life.

The question from today's readings is what brings us happiness or blessedness. Is our fulfillment and hope in ourselves and our possessions, power, and prestige? Does this world and having all that this world says is important bring us happiness? Or is our true longing and desire for God and his will for me? The question is who has our trust.

Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 ~ Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is our trust in this world, building up our ego, in what other people say and think of me? Or is our total trust in God and his will for our lives? Can I surrender to Him knowing that He will bring me all happiness and fulfillment? If I trust in Him, then we are like the tree planted by the rich waters of life that fears no drought, no heat, but stays green and healthy.

~ *Deacon Steve*

**Please Note:** Due to the Parish Mission at St. Nicholas February 20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>, we will not have Wednesday morning Mass here on Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>. There will be Mass at St. Nicholas each evening of the Parish Mission at 7:00 p.m.

**Religious Education:** Wednesday 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Christian Mothers Meeting – Sunday, February 20<sup>th</sup> following Mass.

K of C Meeting: Monday, February 28<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m.



**2022 HEARTLAND PARISH MISSION**  
February 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>  
St. Nicholas of Myra

**Theme: *The Main Thing is to Keep the Main Thing...The Main Thing.***

**FEATURING:  
FR. RICHARD GIELOW ~ Vincentian**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

- 7:00 p.m. Mass and extended homilies.
- Social gathering each evening following the Mission.
- Babysitting provided

**What Form Will This Mission Take?**

Each evening there will be a special parish Mass and homily designated to increase our spirituality. A social will follow in the hall to enhance our feeling of parish community. The mission priest will be available for informal chats and questions and answers.

St. Nicholas of Myra Blood Drive Monday Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>, from noon to 6pm, at St. Nicholas Parish Hall. Contact the Parish Office at 628-1446, to make an appointment.

**Knights of the Holy Eucharist Retreat Event**

February 19<sup>th</sup>, from 9am to noon at St. Joseph's Church. Presentation on: St. Francis and the Eucharist, Consecration to Mary in Our Times, The Rosary & the Eucharist. All are invited to attend!

CYO Spaghetti Dinner Sunday,  
February 20<sup>th</sup> HFE Little Theater

MENU Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce Italian Sausage Garden Salad Garlic Bread Assorted Dessert Items

Lunch: 11:00AM-1:30PM

Supper: 4:30PM-7:00PM

COST \$10.00 Adults \$5.00 Children ages 5-12

RAFFLE DRAWINGS @ 7:00pm



A Luncheon will be held Sunday Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>, at the VFW Hall in Victoria from 11am to 1pm. Homemade Chicken Noodle Soup; Homemade Green Bean Dumpling; Chili Soup; Sloppy Joe Sandwich; Hot Dog; dessert and drink Adults \$8.00; Children 10 and under \$5.00 Carry outs available.

Pre-Lenten Retreat: "Living in a World that has Turned from God" by Mother Miriam Her mission is to bring hope to a world that has lost its way! Don't miss your opportunity to hear from a very inspirational presenter who will explain how the Old & New Testament Saints were facing the same troubles that we face. How we can unlock the mysteries of the Sacraments and the Blessed Mother's guidance, by understanding all the "Treasures" given to us as Catholics. Sat. Feb 26, at the Cathedral's Hall of Bishops, from 9am to 3pm, \$25 includes lunch. Men & college age are welcome to register! RSVP call Marlene 785-342- 0130 or salinacda@gmail.com

Schoenchen K of C hosting a stag, at the Community Center building in Schoenchen on Fat Tuesday March 1<sup>st</sup> Social Hour at 5pm, Supper at 6pm. \$15 per person. For tickets contact Eric Dexter 656-3454 or Tim Dickman 656-3000.

Adoration Chapel needs someone to cover the 10 to 11am, 12 to 1pm, and 5 to 6pm, on Saturdays. Contact Geri Rupp at 785-639-5588.



Special Intentions, Dolores Pfannenstiel, 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.*

*No matter how far you have walked away from God,  
the return trip is only one step.*



Bishop Robert Barron of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles hosts "The Word on Fire Show." The trusted clarity of Bishop Barron illustrates the truth, goodness, and beauty of Catholicism. Tune in to 105.7 FM, online at [dvmercy.com](http://dvmercy.com), or on the free phone app. Show times are 8 AM and 3:30 PM on Saturdays and 10:30 AM on Sundays.

Daughters of Isabella sponsors bingo at Heritage Bingo, 114 East 12th, on the 1st & 3rd Fridays of each month. Please come! *Your support is appreciated.*

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

Don't look very far when you hear today's gospel speak of poverty, hunger, sorrow or exclusion. These things happen in families. Children feel "insulted" when they are constantly criticized. Spouses "hunger" for affection. Grandparents feel "excluded" by divorce and custody decisions. Parents "weep" because they feel alienated from their children.

**February** – February 8 is the Feast of St Josephine Bakhita, patroness of kidnapped and trafficked children. Situations caused by Covid-19 have pushed traffickers online and out of sight, making the exploitation of children more convenient. U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking is a 501 c (3) organization, 2039 N Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131 ([sistersagainsttrafficking.org](http://sistersagainsttrafficking.org))

### Attention Adults!

Please join us for *Ora et Labora: Pray and Work* an experience of building community and assisting our neighbors in the area with tasks such as painting, cleaning the garage, lawn work, etc. We will have a guest speaker, share meals, pray & build friendships. When: Evening of March 31- April 2, 2022. Registration deadline: March 1<sup>st</sup> Register on-line at Immaculate Heart of Mary website. Questions: Call Sister Beverly @ 785-625-7339.

## CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



### HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Rachel Wentling, Principal  
625-3131

- Feb 14 Classroom Valentine's Day Fun
- Feb 16 Early Release Day, dismissal at 1:15 p.m.  
After School Care Appreciation Day
- Feb 17 February Birthday Mass & Lunch



### THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN

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

### Pre-Enrollment Date for New Students

There will be 7th grade/New Student Pre-Enrollment on Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> from 3:30pm - 6pm

TMP – M Still Seeking a Custodian / Maintenance Employee. Currently looking for a maintenance employee to assist in the cleaning and maintaining of the school. Interested candidates should contact Tom Kisner, Operations Director, by email at [kisnert@tmpmarian.org](mailto:kisnert@tmpmarian.org) or by phone at 785-625-6577.

### Prayer For Moisture

O God, in whom we live and move and have our being, grant us sufficient rain/snow, 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.

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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.*