

# 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 785-623-8000

## FINANCE/PASTORAL COUNCIL

### CHAIRPERSON

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## ART & ENVIRONMENT

Ann Pfannenstiel 785-628-8458  
Jerry & Sylvia Gross 785-342-4183

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

### GRAND KNIGHT

Kyle Jones 785-656-3007

## CHRISTIAN MOTHERS PRESIDENT

Jane Younger 785-259-3374

## 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 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)



**MASS INTENTIONS**

Sun. July 30	8:00 am	L/D Edward & Oliva Pfannenstiel family
Wed. Aug 2	7:30 am	+Mary Ann Befort
Sun. Aug 6	8:00 am	L/D Julie & Mary Jane Koerner family
Wed. Aug 9	7:30 am	L/D Les & Linda Gross family

**SERVERS**

Sunday, July 30	Cali Richmeier & Rafe Richmeier
Sunday, Aug 6	Makailyn Leiker & Trenton Staley

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Sun. July 30	Ernie B, Amy P, Ken R, Josh W.
Sun. Aug 6	Nathan L, Lauren M, Wendy R, Tony S.

<b>LECTORS</b>	<b>OFFERTORY GIFTS</b>
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Sun. July 30	Tina Waddell	K of C Members
Sun. Aug 6	Ken Richmeier	Nathan & Jenalyn Leiker

**GREETERS**

Sunday, July 30	K of C Members
Sunday, Aug 6	Josh & Tina Waddell

**COLLECTION TEAM**

**Sunday, July 30**

Aaron Dome, Jerry Gross, Gary Staab, Tony Staley

**Sunday, August 6**

Kyle Jones, Blake Leiker, Mark Leiker, Blake Spencer

**TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS**

Sunday, July 30	Jason & Rose Carter
Sunday, August 6	Herman & Rosie Leiker
Sunday, August 13	Ernie & Lilly Binder
Sunday, August 20	Linda Gross

<b>Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure</b>	
Envelopes	\$2,64100
Loose	\$267.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,908.00</b>



**REFLECTION FROM DEACON STEVE URBAN**

**1 Kings 3:5, 7-12**  
**Romans 8:28-30**  
**Matthew 13:44-52**

My wife and I recently watched a movie entitled “Good Will Hunting” in which the main character Will Hunting is receiving counseling from therapist Sean Maquire played by Robin Williams. Will has a genius-level IQ but is dealing with being arrested for hitting an officer along with being a victim of abuse by his step-father. Poor self-image along with a cocky attitude made counseling very difficult. In desperation, Robin Williams says to Will “what is it you want” trying to help the young man search for what makes him tick. In today’s first reading and the Gospel, we are asked the same question from the author, “What do you want?” For Solomon his answer is true wisdom and for those who hear Jesus’ parables the answer is the kingdom of heaven. And once we know what is truly important and what we need to strive for, then our whole life has direction, purpose, and ultimately happiness.

Our first reading is a dream that Solomon had early in his reign as king. God asked that he make a request for anything in the world. Solomon, like most of us, was tempted to ask for riches, long life, and the destruction of our enemies. But instead, Solomon asks for the wisdom to know what is right so as to govern God’s people. God answers Solomon’s prayer and gives him an understanding heart. This desire for practical wisdom was not something Solomon came to on his own, but was instilled in his heart from God. God put into Solomon this desire to please God instead of asking for riches and power. Solomon had to search deeply to know what it was he really wanted and then forgo temporary pleasures for the greater treasure.

In the Gospel, we have three more parables that speak about the kingdom of God. The reign of God was the most important thing to Jesus. His whole life was establishing this kingdom as he lived on earth. The reign of God is God’s kingship, power, and rule overtaking everything on earth and transforming into God’s world. The first parable in today’s Gospel is about a laborer who finds this treasure and sells all to buy the field. The crux of this parable is that the person who searches this field might be unearthing something that doesn’t belong to him or her but was buried by another individual. Sometimes in our search for God’s reign, we must take drastic measures and be extremely zealous in seeking out God’s plan. In the second parable, a rich person is in search of a valuable pearl. In both instances, the one doing the searching gives up everything to have either the field with the buried treasure or the pearl. And both are filled with great joy upon their total renunciation of everything else. They know what they want and they don’t allow anything else to get in the way of getting what they want.

In the final parable, we see fishermen who cast a great net to gather fish but along with the fish come objects that have found their way into the water. Only God is the one who, at the final judgment, can decide what is good and what needs to be thrown away. Our job is to bring all people into the kingdom, and allow God to determine what is valuable and what is not.

Is the kingdom of God, the reign of God, the most important thing in our lives? If so then we have purpose and direction. We can cast aside everything that stands in the way of possessing that kingdom. Possessions, power, and prestige won’t stand in our way of taking hold of God’s reign in our hearts. We will give up everything to have God in our lives, and we will find great joy. Sounds simple enough...but oh so difficult. It will demand from us a daily, no commitment to



**Night of Healing Faith** - Jesus Heals Are any among you sick? The Diocese of Salina is sponsoring a Night of Healing Faith coming up on Friday, August 11th starting at 6:00pm at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, 625 River St in St. Francis, KS 67756. Father Joseph Asirvatham with Fr. Leo Blasi and other priests in the Diocese will be in attendance. 6:00pm - Exposition and Adoration, Confession, Rosary 7:00pm Reposition and Healing Service Light Refreshments and Conversation to follow For more information call 785-332-2680

**Diocesan Anniversary Masses 2023** Bishop Vincke & the Diocese of Salina wish to honor all couples celebrating their 1st wedding Anniversary & all other wedding anniversaries ending in 0 or 5 and any anniversaries over 70 years in 2023. Sunday, October 15th at 3PM Sacred Heart Cathedral, Salina, Kansas Sunday, October 29th at 3PM St. Nicholas of Myra, Hays, Kansas You may register now to attend by going to the link below or you can call the parish office and we can assist with your registration. No cost to attend. <https://salinadiocese.org/office/family-life>



**CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS**



**HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY**

Rachel Wentling, Principal  
(785) 625-3131

- Aug 1 - 3 Finalize Enrollment
- Aug 3 New Family Orientation 7 pm

You can support HFE by recycling your aluminum cans in our trailer across the street North of the school/church in the small gravel parking lot on 19th! Simply bring by a trash bag of them to drop off anytime! We can give your pull-tabs to HHS to support the Ronald McDonald Houses of America! Thanks for your continued support!



**THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN**

Chad Meitner, Principal

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

- Aug 2 Enrollment 7:00 - 10:30 & 11:30 - 2:30
- Aug 3 Enrollment 7:00 - 10:30 & 11:30 - 2:30
- Aug 4 Enrollment 7:00 - 10:30 & 11:30 - 2:30

**Theotokos Catholic Homeschool Co-Op**

If you have questions or need to rsvp (all events require RSVP) contact Samantha Baker 785.639.3285 or [14sjbaker@gmail.com](mailto:14sjbaker@gmail.com) Find us on Facebook!

**Family Perspective ...by Bud Ozar**

The man in today's gospel "sold all he had" for the treasure he found. Family relationships are "treasures" and demand our total personal investment. Invest yourself in the "treasure" of your family.

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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.*





# Encounter Christ!

**High School Students--**

**You are invited to join with other high school students from all over our Diocese for a night of fellowship, friendship, prayer, Adoration, praise and worship of Christ**



**RENEW EXISTING  
FRIENDSHIP AND  
MAKE SOME NEW  
ONES TOO!**

- **Praise and Worship**
- **Eucharistic Message**
- **Adoration**
- **Confession**
- **Games**

Aug. 11th 8-10pm -After Running Revs  
Thomas More Prep-Marian Chapel-  
Hays Kansas-Check out our website  
for more details  
[www.salinadiocese.org](http://www.salinadiocese.org)

Our Lord in the Blessed  
Sacrament has His hands  
full of graces, and He is  
ready to bestow them on  
anyone who asks for them.  
---St Peter of Alcantara





12TH ANNUAL DIOCESAN MEN'S CONFERENCE

# ANSWERING THE CALL

— TO HONOR AND DEFEND —



**AUGUST 12TH, 2023**  
**8:00AM - 12:30PM**

**IMMACULATE HEART**  
**1805 VINE ST. HAYS KS**

REGISTER ONLINE BY VISITING [SALINADIOCESE.ORG/OFFICE/FAMILY-LIFE/](https://salinadiocese.org/office/family-life/)

