

# 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, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 ~ Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



**MASS INTENTIONS**

Sun. Aug 22 8:00 am +Clarence Legleiter  
Wed. Aug 25 7:30 am L/D Marvin & Mary Jo Braun family  
Sun. Aug 29 8:00 am +Charles & Kathleen Evans  
Wed. Sept 1 7:30 am +Curt Pfannenstiel

**SERVERS**

Sunday, Aug 22 Wyatt Gerstner & Trenton Staley  
Sunday, Aug 29 Ahnaly Leiker & Makailyn Leiker

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Sunday, Aug 22 Lauren Moeder & Ken Richmeier  
Sunday, Aug 29 Nathan Leiker & John Moeder

**LECTORS OFFERTORY GIFTS**

Sun. Aug 22 Natalie Oborny Amy Pfannenstiel  
Sun. Aug 29 Brian Pfannenstiel K of C Members

**GREETERS**

Sunday, Aug 22 Frank & Paulette Seib  
Sunday, Aug 29 K of C Members

**COLLECTION TEAM**

**Sunday, August 22**

Jerry Gross, Larry Koirth, Brian Pfannenstiel, Caleb Staley

**Sunday, August 29**

Donovan Richmeier, Jeff Richmeier, Gary Staab, Darold Younker

**TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS**

Sunday, August 22 Tony & Patty Rohr  
Sunday, August 29 Mark & Dora Leiker  
Sunday, Sept 5 Jason & Rose Carter  
Sunday, Sept 12 Ernie & Lilly Binder

**Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure**

Envelopes \$2,290.00  
Loose \$192.00  
Mission \$10.00  
**Total \$2,492.00**



**REFLECTION FROM DEACON STEVE URBAN**

Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b  
Ephesians 5:21-32  
John 6:60-69

Choices! Life is all about making choices. Some are minor choices...like what to wear, what to eat, what TV show should I watch. Others are major ones. Who should I choose to be my lifelong marriage partner? Or am I called to something besides marriage? These are vocational choices. Also, what is going to be my career or work in life? How am I going to live my faith life? Do I believe in God and how will that affect all the rest of my choices? Today's first reading and the Gospel present the hearers with huge choices. In the first reading, Joshua asks the people what god they will serve...the pagan gods or the Lord the God of Israel. In John's Gospel, we finish our reflection on Bread of Life Discourse. Many of Jesus' followers find his words too difficult to accept and walk away. Jesus then asks the Twelve, and us as well, the same question? Do you want to leave? Or where are your loyalties going to be? Choosing God brings life and happiness. Choosing ourselves brings death and heartache. While the choice seems black or white, it is not always as simple or straightforward.

In today's first reading, Joshua is ready to lead the Israelites into the Promised Land. Moses, the great prophet, is unable to cross into the land of Canaan because he fails to obey God at Meribah. Instead, Joshua is given the mission of gathering all the tribes of Israel and leading them into the land they hoped for. But Joshua sets before the people the covenant and the stipulations of the covenant and asks them if they are willing to enter into this covenant. Joshua and his family make a choice...a choice to serve the Lord. However, the people are given a choice. They firmly promise to follow the Lord the God of Israel who brought them out of the slavery of Egypt. Then in John's Gospel, Jesus has just finished saying emphatically that he is the bread of life and unless you eat his flesh and drink his blood you have no life. These statements cause many of his followers to walk away from Jesus. Jesus doesn't back down or change his words. Jesus won't backpedal hoping he can change their minds. Instead, he sticks to his guns and demands that his hearers, including the Twelve, make a choice. Choose him and life or choose death and selfishness.

As I said in my introductory remarks, it seems so straightforward and simple. Yet our lives are much more complex. As human persons, we all have our brokenness and everything is not black and white. As St. Paul says, we want to do right, but in our weakness, we choose wrong and do what is most harmful. Father Richard Rohr

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says we are punished not for our sins, but by our sins. In other words, our brokenness is what makes us blind to seeing our sins and opening ourselves to God and his healing powers. Deep down we want to do right, but we give in to our hurt and brokenness and need God's saving grace to draw us back. I am not implying that we have no responsibility or at the whim of our desires and humanness. I am saying God calls us to choose his life and love, but while the choice seems simple, the choosing is more complex. That's why we need God's bountiful grace. And often it is in facing our weakness and brokenness that God's healing can take place. We think it is often our doing. Yet it is always God's doing and initiative. Let us surrender to God and let us turn always to the Eucharist to help us make that choice.

~ Deacon Steve



This Sacrament of healing will take place after Mass next Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup>.

Cemetery mowing and trimming,  
Tuesday, Aug 24<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:30 p.m.

**Stars & Stripes Breakfast** on Sunday, Sept. 12, from 7:30am to noon, at the VFW (22nd & Vine). Proceeds go to the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia, Sunflower Chapter - Hays. Adults \$9.50 (\$10.00 at door); Children 5-12, \$4.50 (\$5.00 at door). Tickets contact Kevin Rupp (St. Joseph Office), Elmer Dreher and Larry Reichert.

**The St. Nicholas of Myra Knights of Columbus Annual Steak Dinner**, on Sat, Sept. 25, social hour at 6pm, dinner at 6:45pm. Menu: Ribeye Steak (10-12oz.), or Honey Pecan Chicken with baked potato, vegetable, bread, salad, and dessert. \$20 per ticket. Take-out orders available. Contact Glenn Gabel-628-2120 or Kyle Normandin 623-0580

**Knights of Columbus Cash Raffle Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>:**

1 in 20 chance, \$50 donation – winner \$500  
\$100 donation – winner \$1,000

For ticket information contact Justin Baalman at 635-3777



Mike Suppes, Chris Brull, John Dreiling, Matt Shorman, Special Intentions, 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.*

Trinity Lutheran Church & Downing-Nelson Oil are pleased to present a Benefit Bar-B-Q for **Hays ARC Park** at the Hays VFW (22nd & Vine), Sunday, Aug. 29, from 11am to 1:30pm. Free will donations will be accepted. For to-go orders call the VFW 785- 625-9940. No pre-orders accepted.



**More 2 Life** Take 2 with Jerry & Debbie is a unique live daily call-in show. Hosts Jerry Usher and Debbie Georgianni share from their hearts and personal experiences, focusing closely on their listeners and helping them become aware of their tremendous worth and potential. Taking a fresh look at personal, spiritual, and cultural issues, their ultimate desire is to bring others to a realization of how much God loves them and has a beautiful plan for their lives. Tune in at 11 AM on weekdays. The call-in number is 833-288-3986.

Divine Mercy Radio's **11<sup>th</sup> Annual Appreciation Banquet** will take place in two locations: at 6pm, on Sat., Sept. 11, at The Strand Event Center, Hays and at 6pm, on Sun. Sept. 12, in the Hall of Bishops, Sacred Heart Cathedral, Salina. Cost is \$55 if purchased **before Aug. 20**. After Aug. 20, if tickets are still available, the cost is \$60. The cost includes appetizers and adult beverages. This is a sit down, served banquet with a great speaker, Father John Riccardo, who will be talking about What Do We Most Need Now? To purchase tickets, send your check, along with which banquet you will attend (Hays or Salina) and your meal choice (steak or chicken) to: Divine Mercy Radio 108 E. 12th St. Hays, KS 67601 785-621-4110

**AUGUST** – There is no time off for traffickers. Their networks are always alive learning better ways to buy and sell people. U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking ([sistersagainstrafficking.org](http://sistersagainstrafficking.org))

Women's Spiritual Day of Reflection ~ Sat., Sept 11<sup>th</sup> 10 am – 2 pm at St. Nicholas of Myra. 9:30 Registration; 10:00 Guest Speaker, Rick Binder; 11:00 Adoration; Noon Lunch; 1:00 Guest Speaker, Rick Binder; 2:00 Closing Prayer. Hosted by Salina Diocese Council of Catholic Women.

Perpetual Adoration Chapel Notice: Please consider and pray to commit to one hour of Adoration or be a substitute for those who have an hour. Please contact the Archangels. Bob & Carol Feauto (12:00am to 6:00am) 628-1429 Lorraine Brungardt (6:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.) 625-3021 Yvonne Demuth (12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.) 259-0650 Geri Rupp (6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.) 639-5588 **3 HOURS OPEN: Saturday 12:00 PM Saturday 5:00 PM Sunday 10:00 AM**

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Engaged Couples participate in BELOVED, a one-day seminar for engaged couples that looks into the long-term commitment of marriage and working through challenges as a couple. The BELOVED series explores the spirituality, sexuality, and many issues facing couples. The next seminar is Saturday, September 11, 2021, from 8:30am to 4pm, at Immaculate Heart of Mary. Pre-registration is required. Contact Nancy Urban at nancyurban44@gmail.com or Susan Kisner at skisner@ihm-church.com or 785-625-7339.

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

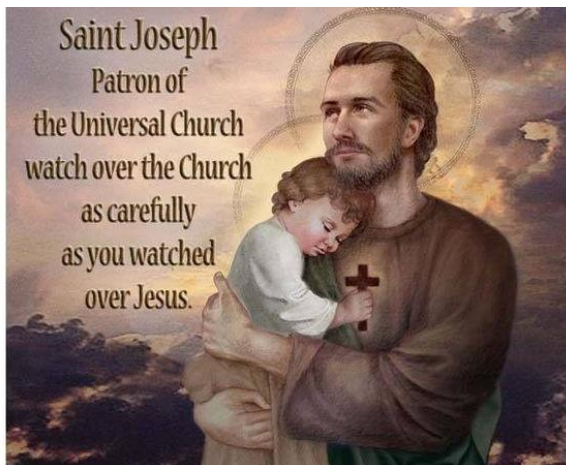
Even though many found the teachings of Jesus "difficult", He did not back down. In our families it is important to say what is difficult to hear, to speak the truth with kindness, to correct with love and guide with understanding.

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## CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



### HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Rachel Wentling, Principal  
625-3131

- Aug 23 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Preschool
- Aug 24 All Parent Information Night, 7:00 p.m. Gym
- Aug 26 August Birthday Mass & Lunch  
Hearing Screenings  
Altar Server Trainings, 5th/6th Gr. 2pm & 3:20pm

HFE is also seeking enthusiastic individuals to supervise and serve children in our After School Care program. These positions run on the school year calendar and are scheduled 3-6 pm each day school is in session. Interested individuals should contact the school office for applications.

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### THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN

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

- Aug. 26 6:30pm - 9pm TMP-M Parent Open House
- Aug. 27 5pm (HS) JV/V Volleyball vs. Beloit (Here)  
6pm (HS) V Football Jamboree @ Russell
- Aug. 28 9am (HS) JV Volleyball @ Phillipsburg  
9am (HS) V Volleyball @ Hays High  
9 am - 10am Garden Club Worktime 1pm - (HS)  
V Soccer @ Wichita Independent

Job Openings! TMP-M currently has 1 job position open. We need a full-time custodian/maintenance person. Please contact school (625-6577) for more information.

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"You can't go back and change the beginning,  
but you can start where you are  
and change the ending."

--C.S. Lewis

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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.*