

# *St. Francis of Assisi Church*

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



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**GRAND KNIGHT**

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**785-623-0417**

## **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 - By appointment after  
completion of required pre-Baptism  
instructions.**

**MARRIAGES - Couples anticipating  
marriage must contact Pastor at least  
six months before intended date of marriage.**

## **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

**Holy Family Elementary**

**785-625-3131**

**www/hfehays.org**

**Thomas More Prep-Marian**

**785-625-6577**

**www.tmp-m.org**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Sun Sept 7	8:00 am	+Cody Younger
Wed Sept 10	7:30 am	L/D Verlin & Delphine Stramel family
Sun Sept 14	8:00 am	L/D Francis & Mary Ann Legleiter family
Wed Sept 17	7:30 am	+Farron Leiker

**SERVERS**

Sun Sept 7	Reylyn Leiker & Rafe Richmeier
Sun Sept 14	Makailyn Leiker & Rexton Leiker

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Sun Sept 7	Nathan L, Amy P, Glenn S, Rhonda S.
Sun Sept 14	Lauren M, Ken R, Peggy R, Deacon Bill

**LECTORS**

**OFFERTORY GIFTS**

Sun Sept 7	Lauren Moeder	Ken & Peggy Richmeier
Sun Sept 14	Natallie Oborny	Jeff & Wendy Richmeier

**GREETERS**

Sun Sept 7	Joe & Mindy Pfannenstiel
Sun Sept 14	Tony & Patty Rohr

**COLLECTION TEAM**

**Sunday, September 7**

Jerry Gross, Nathan Leiker, John Oborny, Donovan Richmeier

**Sunday, September 14**

David Leiker, John Moeder, Trenton Staley, Josh Waddell

**Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure**

Envelopes	\$1,541.00
Loose	\$102.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,643.00</b>



**FROM THE DESK OF CODY MARINTZER**

**Laying The Foundation**

Today, Jesus talks about laying the foundation. As parents, Godparents, Grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc., we have been given the charge to lay the foundation for the generations to come after us. At a baptism, the parents of the child are told they are accepting the responsibility of training their child up in the faith. They are then asked if they clearly understand what they are undertaking. They respond that they do and it is to this point where we can find one of the big indicators between whether a child will leave the Christian faith, or embrace it. If the parents are serious in their duty to raise their child according to Christ and His Church, the child has a way higher chance of staying in the faith after they leave the house. However, as a wise priest once told me, "once parents show a child that Mass is optional, it will become unnecessary to the child." The same goes for the faith as a whole. If the faith is not being lived out at home, the children will quite easily find their way out.

Godparents are the next line of defense for the safety of a child's soul. During the baptismal rite, they are asked if they are ready to help the parents of the child in their duty as Christian parents. They must answer I do to take on the role of the Godparent. When they do, this is a great undertaking as the role of the Godparent is to pray that child to heaven and be another living example of Christ. This becomes even more important if the parents fail in their duty, for the Godparents are promising to pick it up and make sure this child is getting to the Sacraments and are getting the spiritual guidance they need. Being a Godparent has nothing to do with them being a nice person, but has everything to do with living in conformity with Christ so the child sees it and wants to take that life upon themselves. This is why Godparents must be Catholic and in good standing. No matter how nice a person is, they cannot be a witness to the Catholic faith if they are not Catholic. If they are Catholic, but not in good standing, then they also cannot be a witness to the faith as they are not living it out themselves.

For extended family and our parish family, we are also part of the line of defense, working for the salvation of souls. This is why I always love when there is a baptism during Mass. I understand it means Mass is going to be a whole 5 minutes longer, but it also means the entire congregation just got invited to this child's spiritual birthday. As their parish family, we can and should intercede on their behalf and live out the faith for them to see.

If we all take seriously the call of Christ to lay the foundation for the next generation, we will watch our parish and community continue to grow and flourish. I think we are blessed here at St. Nicholas to have an active parish with wonderful examples of Christ. It is because of the living witnesses of Christ in my own life that I am Catholic today. Never underestimate the power of intercessory prayer and being a living witness on behalf of the next generation. Trust me, they notice.



**Coffee, rolls & conversation** following Mass this morning, hosted by the Christian Mothers.





**Expressions of Sympathy** are extended to the family of Pauline Younker. May she and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. *Amen*

**Annual Priests Convocation:** The diocesan priests of the Salina Diocese will be gathering this week in Wichita. Pray that they will have a restful and spiritual filled week. Fr. Job will be celebrant for Mass on Wednesday.



**Blessing of Seed Wheat** next Sunday, September 14th. Place containers on Mary's altar.

**Knights of Columbus Meeting**, Monday, September 15th at 7:00 p.m.

**Christian Mothers:** Meetings will resume Sunday, September 21st following Mass. New members will be installed at Mass that morning. If you are interested in joining, please let Jane Younger, Amy Pfannenstiel or Tina Waddell know, or drop your name in the collection basket.

**Archbishop Broglio, President of the USCCB**, has asked every diocese to take up a collection for the people living in the Gaza. Archbishop Broglio wrote in his letter to bishops on August 12, "Our Church mourns the terrible suffering of Christians and other innocent victims of violence in Gaza and surrounding areas who are struggling to survive, protect their children, and live with dignity in dire conditions. The Holy Father continues to call for a cease fire and for aid to enter the territory, noting with great sorrow that "Gaza is starving." We will be collecting money throughout the month of September. The USCCB has recommended the collections be distributed to two Catholic entities, the Catholic Near East Welfare Association ([CNEWA](#)) and Catholic Relief Services ([CRS](#)), that are providing vital emergency humanitarian relief and aid to the people in Gaza. If you like to contribute to the innocent victims of Gaza, please drop the money in the basket. Make checks payable to St. Francis Church. Mark GAZA on the envelope. Thank you!



Jay Carter, Janell Herrmann, Amy Moeder, Amber Lacewell, Special Intentions, Becky Robben, Maya Gottschalk, 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.*

## EVENTS IN THE HEARTLAND

### **The Founding Pastor of the 8 Volga-German Catholic Parishes in the Hays Area** by Fr. Reggie Urban

In 1876, Father Valentine Sommereisen, a German speaking priest from France arrived in Hays just as waves of Volga-German immigrants were settling in the region. In only 19 months, he founded eight Catholic parishes in Ellis & Rush counties. Join us as we explore his remarkable legacy. *September 11th, 7:00 pm. St. Joseph School Building, formerly known as Kennedy Middle School.*

**Stars & Stripes All You Can Eat Breakfast** Sunday, Sept. 14, from 7:30am - Noon at the VFW - 22nd & Vine. Proceeds on pre-sale tickets go to the local American Historical Society of German from Russia Hays Sunflower Chapter. Tickets are: Adults \$11.50/Children ages 6-12 are \$6.50/Children Under 5 - Eat for free! Tickets on sale at the St. Joseph Parish Office, or from Elmer Dreher, Phil Schmeidler, Larry Reichert, Pat Lang, or Norma Pipkin.



**Holy Cross Church in Pfeifer** will be hosting a mass to commemorate the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on Sunday, Sept. 14 at 3:00 p.m. Bishop Jerry Vincke, Fr. Curtis Carlson and Fr. Reggie Urban will be the celebrants. Music will be provided by Trilogy. Seed wheat will be blessed. Free will donation BBQ social following mass. Everyone is welcome.

**German Feast on Sept. 14, from 4 to 7pm. at the Community Center, Schoenchen.** Sauerkraut Soup, Green Bean Dumpling Soup, Noodles, Ham & Beans, German Sausage, Homemade Bread, Pies, Kuchens, & Cakes, Tea or Coffee \$15.00 per person; 8 and under free. Sponsored by the St. Anthony Altar Society. Fund raiser for the St. Anthony Park & Playground. 50/50 Raffle (Need not be present to win.)



**32nd Annual Brown Robe Benefit** to benefit the Capuchin Franciscans and the people they serve. Held Saturday, September 27th at 7 pm at the St. Fidelis Friary, 900 Cathedral Ave, Victoria. Cocktails, Dinner and Event Program. Tickets are \$50 each, limited seating. For more information contact Mary Kay Schippers 785-650-3050 or [mkschippers@me.com](mailto:mkschippers@me.com)

**The Antoninio Christian Mothers will begin selling tickets for their annual 30 Days of Cash fundraiser at the beginning of September.** Tickets are \$25 each. If you would like tickets, contact Suzanne Klaus at 785-259-3806 or Cheryl Glassman at 785-650-1589. We appreciate your support in the past and hope you will be able to support us again this year. Thank you.

### OUR LADY OF SORROWS FAMILY POTLUCK

Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup>  
– 6 PM in IHM Parish Hall –

Come celebrate this special feast day with friends!  
The IHM Sisters will be attending with Seven  
Dolor rosaries and booklets for each family.  
There will be coloring pages for kids, and we'll be  
accepting donations to our local Catholic Charities.  
Please bring a dish and side/dessert to share!

**HOSTED BY THE HAYS CATHOLIC MOMS MINISTRY**

Contact: Natalie Oborny | 785-639-6520

**Divine Mercy Radio's 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Appreciation Banquet** will take place in two locations: 6 p.m. Sat., **Sept. 13** at The Rose Garden Banquet Hall **Hays** and 5 p.m. Sun. **Sept. 14** at the Hilton Garden Inn, **Salina**. Featured speaker is the "Dynamic Deacon" Harold Burke-Sivers, host of Beacon of Truth. His talk is titled "Go and Make Disciples: The Call to Evangelization" in both Hays and Salina.

To see if tickets are still available call 785.621.4110

**Holy Cross Charities (Pfeifer)** will be holding a '31 Days of Cash Giveaway' this October. Tickets are \$50 and multiple winnings are possible. Prizes start at \$100 and the grand prize is \$1000. For more information or tickets contact Stan Dome 785-650-3145; Florian Dome 785-650-3847; Jerry Dreiling 785-650-3863; or Deb Hoffman 785-623-8928. Proceeds go towards church and cemetery maintenance.

**Hospice Volunteer Training** - Wednesday, October 1st, 8 am to 4:30 pm at HaysMed. Registrations is due by Friday, September 12th. To register contact Hospice of Hays Medical Center 785-623-6200



**The St. Nicholas of Myra Knights of Columbus** invite you to their Annual Steak Dinner, on Saturday, Oct. 4, social hour at 6pm, and dinner at 6:45pm. Menu: Ribeye Steak (10 -12oz.), or Honey Pecan Chicken with baked potato, vegetable, bread, salad, and dessert. \$25 per ticket. Take-out orders available. Tickets will be sold at St Nicholas of Myra Church, after each Mass, or you can contact Glen Gabel at 785-628-2120 or Kyle Normandin at 785-623-0580.

#### **Knights of Columbus Cash Raffle:**

1 in 20 chance,

\$50 donation – winner \$500

\$100 donation – winner \$1,000

Drawing on Oct. 4

*Make today so awesome,  
yesterday is jealous.*

### CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



#### **HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY**

Mandy Meagher Principal

(785) 625-3131

Sept 10

Early Release 1:15 (No pm bus service)  
McDonalds HFE Fundraising 5-8 pm North  
Store. We make 100% of the 2-for-\$1 cookie  
sales



#### **THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN**

Chad Meitner, Principal

Melissa Schoepf, Jr. High Assistant Principal

(785) 625-6577

Sept 10

Early Release (JH) 1:05 (HS) 1:10  
6th gr Team Building Day 8 am - 1pm

Shells Partially Donated by Northwestern Printers.

#### **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.*

# COME AND SEE

# ONE DAY ONLY



**AFTERMATH:**  
ABORTION IN KANSAS  
TRAVELING MEMORIAL

What does 19,467 lives look like?  
Step into an immersive, life-size experience  
bringing this staggering reality to light.

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**Hays | Downtown Market Pavilion**

Monday, September 22, 2025

9 am - 7 pm | Free Admission



Scan the QR for more info  
or visit [AftermathKS.com](https://AftermathKS.com)

SPECIAL PROJECT OF  
 **Kansans  
for Life**



AFTERMATH



Kansans for Life

## A TRAVELING MEMORIAL ACROSS KANSAS

AFTERMATH is a traveling memorial to the 19,467 lives lost to abortion in Kansas in 2023 and every life impacted by their loss. This limited-time exhibit is moving across the state to shine a light on the devastating reality that would otherwise remain hidden.

AFTERMATH compels Kansans to reckon with the human cost of the 2019 Hodes & Nauser v. Schmidt court ruling – a decision that opened the floodgates to dramatic increases in abortions and stripped away long-standing protections for women and preborn children.

### FALL TOUR DATES

- Hutchinson - September 13
- Hays - September 22
- Colby - September 23
- Garden City - September 24
- Liberal - September 25
- Dodge City - September 26
- Atchison - September 27
- Salina - October 3
- Paola - October 4
- Chanute - October 10
- Basehor - October 18
- Arkansas City - October 25

### THE NUMBERS: 2023 IN KANSAS

- 19,467 abortions were reported – a 58% increase from 2022.
- To put this into perspective: this would fill Wichita's Intrust Bank Arena or Allen Fieldhouse beyond capacity.
- 62 abortions were performed every 8-hour workday, Monday through Saturday.
- 78% were performed on out-of-state residents.
- 67% were performed using chemical abortion pills.
- 600 fully formed preborn babies were dismembered.
- 376 abortions were performed on minor girls, including 36 on young girls ages 10–14.

### MORE INFORMATION

Website: [aftermathks.com](https://aftermathks.com)

Contact: Mackenzie Ayers | [mackenzie@kfl.org](mailto:mackenzie@kfl.org) | 785-307-0534

### ABOUT KANSANS FOR LIFE

Kansans for Life is a nonprofit advocacy and educational organization dedicated to protecting and defending the right to life of all innocent humans from the moment of conception to natural death. We strive to protect the preborn and their mothers, the medically fragile, and the elderly.



# DIOCESE OF SALINA DISCERNMENT WEEKENDS

## OCTOBER 18 — ST. JOSEPH SEMINARY VISIT

This seminary visit will take place in Wichita at the St. Joseph House of Formation and is open to any guys in high school

## NOVEMBER 6-8 — ST. JOHN VIANNEY SEMINARY VISIT

This seminary visit will take place in Denver, CO at St. John Vianney Seminary and is open to any guys 18 and older

## NOVEMBER 20-22 — KENRICK SEMINARY VISIT

This seminary visit will take place in St. Louis, MO at Kenrick Seminary and is open to any guys 18 and older

## DECEMBER 26-28- QUO VADIS DISCERNMENT RETREAT

This retreat is an opportunity to examine where your life is going and ask the Lord if you are going in the right direction. This retreat is designed for young men to discern a vocation to the priesthood, to religious life, or to marriage. On this retreat, you will take time to ask the Lord where He desires to lead you.



SCAN IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING US!