

# St. Francis of Assisi Church

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



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## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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Kevin Stramel 623-7107

## CHRISTIAN MOTHERS PRESIDENT

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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)





**MASS INTENTIONS**

Sun. Nov 28 8:00 am Dec'd K of C Members  
 Wed. Dec 1 7:30 am Verlin & Elaine Pfannenstiel  
 Sun. Dec 5 8:00 am Kenny & Ann Pfannenstiel  
Tue. Dec 7 5:30 pm L/D John & Adelheid Leiker family

**SERVERS**

Sunday, Nov 28 Valerie Dome & Jacob Leiker  
 Sunday, Dec 5 Cali Richmeier & Trenton Staley

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Sunday, Nov 28 Jenalyn Leiker & Glenn Stramel  
 Sunday, Dec 5 Peggy Richmeier & Rhonda Stramel

**LECTORS**

**OFFERTORY GIFTS**

Sun. Nov 28 Jeanette Pfannenstiel Aaron & Kolleen Dome  
 Sun. Dec 5 Tina Waddell Jason & Rose Carter

**GREETERS**

Sunday, Nov 28 Wilbert Gross  
 Sunday, Dec 5 Larry & Gloria Koirth

**COLLECTION TEAM**

**Sunday, November 28**

David Leiker, Gary Staab, Caleb Staley, Darold Younker

**Sunday, December 5**

Ernie Binder, Brian Pfannenstiel, Ken Richmeier, Tony Staley

**TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS**

Sunday, Nov 28 Mark & Dora Leiker  
 Sunday, Dec 5 Jason & Rose Carter  
 Sunday, Dec 12 Ernie & Lilly Binder  
 Sunday, Dec 19 Tony & Patty Rohr

**Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure**

Envelopes \$2,770.00  
 Loose \$91.00  
 Candles \$16.00  
 C.H. Dev \$135.00  
**Total \$3,012.00**



**REFLECTION FROM DEACON STEVE URBAN**

Jeremiah 33: 14-16  
 1 Thessalonians 3:12--4:2  
 Luke 21: 25-28,34-36

New beginnings! Today we begin a new liturgical year by entering into the season of Advent. We also begin a new cycle, Cycle C, of scriptural readings. Since Vatican II, the Church now has a three-year cycle in which we explore the four Gospels. Year A is the year we hear most of our Gospel readings for Sundays from Matthew the Evangelist, Year B from Mark the Evangelist, and beginning this Sunday we explore the Gospel of Luke. The Gospel of Luke is distinct in that its author places special emphasis on the Holy Spirit, Jesus at prayer, and Jesus' table fellowship. Still another feature of the Lukan Gospel is Jesus' love of the poor and inclusion of women. And distinct to Luke is the story of the Good Samaritan and the Prodigal Son. As we begin this new year of Luke, I would encourage you to pick up a commentary and read about Luke and his composition and get a basic understanding of this Gospel which shall be our focal point from this First Sunday of Advent until November 20th next year.

Our beginning of our reflection starts with a small passage from the prophet Jeremiah that is filled with huge hope. The Israelites are experiencing the darkness and despair of being in bondage under the Babylonians. Jerusalem the capital along with the temple was destroyed and the people were deported into a foreign land. Jeremiah is writing to bolster their hope. God had promised David through the prophet Nathan that the Davidic kingship would last forever. Today, Jeremiah prophesies that God would raise up a "just shoot" who would restore the people to God's favor and bring them to peace and security. "Just shoot" is the classic prophetic term for messiah or the "anointed one" of the Lord. This king or messiah would be like God in that he would bring justice and righteousness to the land. This waiting and anticipating a messiah king is our hope also as we begin a new season of Advent.

Waiting and watching is the theme of today's Gospel reading from Luke. This passage is again a piece of apocalyptic writing which has these strange visions and ominous happenings. Jesus says there will be strange signs in the sun, moon, and stars. People will be in horror and nations will be in dismay. But Jesus says that this coming of the Son of Man is not to be one of hopelessness and despair. No, Jesus says we are to stand erect because his final coming will bring about his kingship. But Luke cautions that, as we wait for his final coming, we don't get complacent and get lured into the entanglements and anxieties of the world. Luke says the key to standing erect is vigilance and prayerfulness and leading a good moral life.

So how are we to approach Advent and this new liturgical season? The answer is simple yet difficult to practice. We must be watchful and waiting and faithful to living the Gospel. Yet often we get sucked up into the ways of the world. The world and all the media tell us that Christmas has arrived. Madison Avenue, the world of advertising, proclaims Christmas has come and it is a world of consumerism, consumption, and busyness. Advent calls us to a counter cultural stance in which we have concern for the poor, marginalized, and forgotten. It is time for renewed prayer, penance, and works of justice and charity. Let us stand erect and live the Gospel life faithfully and fully this Advent.

~ Deacon Steve



**2022 Mass Intentions** are now being accepted. At this time, please limit to 3 intention requests. Stipends \$10.00 per Mass.

**Contact Lilly to schedule ~ 623-8000**

**Religious Education:**

Class Wednesday, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

2022 CALENDARS are available entrances. Please extend a thank you to Hyle and Ann Hugunin, Hays Memorial Chapel for making these calendars available for the Heartland Parishes of Ellis County.



Join in Unity of Prayer across America to restore the protection of life, family, church, peace and inspire courage in the soul of our nation! **NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE** hosted by/held at St. Nicholas of Myra. Mass Dec 8 from 7-8 pm; 8-midnight: Hourly prayer and praises presented by the parishes of Ellis County. 11-midnight - all time zones united in prayer. Midnight - 7 am - Adoration. 7 am - Benediction and Mass.

**COME PRAY WITH US!**

Did you know you can offer prayers at your holy hour for a particular religious or seminarian in the Salina Diocese? See the prayer cards in the box on the table in the Adoration Chapel and let these individuals know you are supporting their work and praying for them. It means so much to each one. Thank you! *The Vocatio Group of the Heartland*



**BAMBINO BLESSING!** There will be a Bambino Blessing during next weekend. Parishioners are encouraged to bring the Baby Jesus from the nativity/manger scene at their homes and, prior to Mass, place them on a table reserved for them near the sanctuary. Baby Jesus's can then be picked up at the conclusion of Mass.

Thank you to everyone who supported Catholic Charities Annual Appeal. Your contribution provides the giving hope of Jesus to those in our community facing financial and emotional stress. It is not too late to donate.



K of C is sponsoring a “toy drop” for Toys for Tots. If you would like to participate, please bring unwrapped toys and place them in the box in the vestibule. Toys for Tots, a 73-year national charitable program run by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, provides happiness and hope to disadvantaged children during each Christmas holiday season.

Salvation Army Bell Ringers Needed: Ring bell for 1 hour time slots - choose between Dillons Stores, Walmart, Walgreens, or Hobby Lobby. **ALL MONEY COLLECTED STAYS LOCAL.** Call 785-621-2794 to sign up!!!



**Be Not Afraid!** Listen to Divine Mercy Radio Fall Care-a-Thon November 30-December 3 Radio @ 105.7 – Phone app – Echo -- @dvmercy.com – Live on Facebook & YouTube

**Tues, Nov 30** 7 am – George Toman – *The Life and Legacy of John Paul the Great*

1 pm – Fr. Bernie Gorges – *Be Not Afraid to Value Life*  
4 pm – Fr. Damian Richards – *Be Not Afraid, we have Sacraments*

**Wed, Dec 1** 9 am – Principal Chad Meitner TMP

4 pm – Diana Koerner, *Catholic Trivia of Saints*

**Thur, Dec 2** 7 am – Bill Meagher

1 pm – Rachel Wentling – Principal of HFE  
1:30 pm – Gene Flax – Asst. Principal HFE  
2 pm – Jo Richards – *Being a priest's mother*  
4 pm – Bishop Gerald Vincke  
*Answering questions from Catholic school students*

Help Angels Care Home Health bring joy to deserving seniors by donating a gift for the holiday season. They will be collecting gifts from until Dec. 10th. Donations may be dropped off at Dollar General or The Senior Center. For more info, please contact Amy Schuckman at 785-639-6036.

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

At this time of the year, we are very conscious of our family as we make preparations for Christmas. Today's gospel warns us not to be consumed by all the consumer activity. This Advent appreciate the gift of people in your life. The best gift this season might be your appreciation of others.

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**NOVEMBER – READ PASTORAL ORIENTATIONS ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING** published to guide and strengthen the work of the Catholic Church across the globe in the fight against the scourge of human trafficking. U.S. Catholic Sisters' website (sistersagainsttrafficking.org.)

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Special Intentions, 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.*

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Catholic Answers Live is a daily LIVE call-in program designed to offer Catholics and non-Catholics alike an opportunity to hear from and talk with some of the leading apologists and theologians in the Church today. This show is hosted by Cy Kellett. Tune in from 5-7 PM on weekdays. The call-in number is 888-318-7884.

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STARS and STRIPES BREAKFAST on Sun, Dec. 12, from 7:30am to 12pm, at the VFW. Proceeds go to the St. Nicholas Ladies Guild Ticket contacts: Barb Zimmerman 628-8074; Clare Gustin 635-3511; Darlene Kroeger 628-6351; Tiffany Zimmerman 259-3732; Adults: \$9.50 in advance, Children 5-12 \$4.50 in advance, Under 5 free.

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**CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS**



**HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY**

Rachel Wentling, Principal  
625-3131

- Dec. 2 Mary's Baby Shower.
  - Dec. 3 1st Friday Prayer Circles.
  - Dec. 8 NO SCHOOL! HOLY DAY!
  - Dec. 9 June Birthday Mass & Lunch.
  - Dec. 13 Reconciliation for grades 3rd-6th!
  - Dec. 14 Christmas Program Kp-6th Grade @ 6:30p.m.
  - Dec. 15 Mary's Baby Shower
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**THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN**

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

Custodian / Maintenance Employee:

TMP-M is currently looking for a maintenance employee to assist in the cleaning and maintaining of the school. The position is full time. 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.

The grotto lighting is Dec. 5. Any group, organization or team can decorate a tree. It doesn't even need to be a formal club or organization. Get a few of your friends together and you can decorate a tree in your style! If interested, contact Ms. Kim Stoecklein in the Advancement Office 625-6577 or email her at [stoeckleink@tmpmarian.org](mailto:stoeckleink@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 be examples of his teachings, we strive for unity through fellowship and participation in all areas of the Catholic faith.*



## 2021 - Advent/Christmas Schedule - 2022

Our Lady Help of Christians - Antonino  
St. Anthony - Schoenchen  
St. Catherine - Catharine

St. Joseph - Hays  
Immaculate Heart of Mary - Hays  
St. Nicholas of Myra - Hays

St. Francis of Assisi - Munjor  
Comeau Catholic Campus Center

### December 3, 2021 - (Friday)

St. Nicholas - Adoration 8:00am to 4:00pm

### December 5 (Sunday) - Thursday, December 9

IHM - CYO Night Prayer at 9:00pm

### December 7, 2021 - Monday, Vigil-Immaculate Conception

IHM - 5:30pm (English)

Munjor - 5:30pm

St. Joseph - 5:30pm

### December 8, 2021- Immaculate Conception

Catharine - 7:00pm

Catholic Campus Center - 5:45pm

IHM - 8:00am, 5:30p.m., English & 7:30 p.m. Spanish

St. Joseph - 6:30am, 12:05pm, & 5:30pm

St. Nicholas - 12:10pm, 7:00pm, Confessions 8:00-9:00pm

St. Nicholas - 8:00 - 12:00am National Night of Prayer

### December 9, 2021 - (Thursday)

St. Nicholas - 12am - 7:00am Adoration/Bene. , 7:00am Mass

### December 10, 2021 - (Friday)

St. Nicholas - Adoration 8:00am - 4:00pm

### December 11, 2021 - Our Lady of Guadalupe

IHM - 7:00pm Rosarios for Our Lady of Guadalupe

### December 12, 2021 - Third Sunday of Advent

IHM - Communal Penance Service, 3:00pm

### December 14, 2021 - (Tuesday)

St. Nicholas - 6:30pm Communal Penance Service

### December 15, 2021 - (Wednesday)

Munjor - 7:00pm Communal Penance Service

### December 16, 2021 - (Thursday)

IHM - Posades at 7:00pm in the Activity Center

### December 17, 2021 - (Friday)

IHM - Posades at 7:00pm in the Activity Center

St. Nicholas - Adoration 8:00am - 4:00pm

### December 18, 2021 (Saturday)

IHM - Posades at 7:00pm in the Activity Center

### December 19, 2021 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

IHM - Posades at 7:00pm in the Activity Center

### December 20, 2021 - (Monday)

IHM - Posades at 7:00pm in the Activity Center

### December 21, 2021 - (Tuesday)

IHM - Posades at 7:00pm in the Activity Center

### December 22, 2021 - (Wednesday)

IHM - Posades at 7:00pm in the Activity Center

### December 23, 2021 - (Thursday)

IHM - Posades at 7:00pm in the Activity Center

### December 24, 2021 - (Friday) Christmas Eve

Antonino - 4:00pm

Comeau Campus Center - 10:00pm

IHM - 5:00pm, 7:30pm (Spanish), & 10:00pm

Munjor - 7:00pm

Schoenchen - 5:30pm

St. Joseph - 5:00pm

St. Joseph - 11:30pm Choir Christmas Music, Midnight Mass

St. Nicholas of Myra - 5:00pm (Family Mass), 9:00pm

### December 25, 2021 - (Saturday) Christmas Day

Catholic Campus Center - 9:00am

IHM - 9:00am only (Christmas)

IHM - 5:00pm (Regular Vigil Sunday Mass)

Catharine - 9:00am

St. Joseph - 7:30am, 10:30am, 5:00pm

St. Nicholas of Myra - 9:30am, 5:00pm

### December 26, 2021 - (Sunday) - Holy Family

Catharine - 9:00am

IHM - Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

St. Joseph - 7:30am & 10:30am

St. Nicholas - 9:30am, 11:00am

### December 27 (Monday) & 28 (Tuesday), 2021

IHM - No Masses both days

St. Joseph - 6:30am

St. Nicholas - 7:00am

### December 31, 2021 - (Friday) - Solemnity of Mary (Vigil)

IHM - 5:30pm & 7:30pm (Spanish), No morning Mass or Confession

Munjor - 6:30pm

St. Joseph - 5:00pm

St. Nicholas - 5:00pm

### January 1, 2022 - (Saturday) Solemnity of Mary

IHM - 9:00am for the Holy Day; 5:00pm Mass for Vigil

St. Joseph - 7:30am, 10:30am, 5:00pm

St. Nicholas of Myra - 9:30am, 5:00pm

### January 2, 2022 - (Sunday) Epiphany of Our Lord.

Catharine - 9:00am

IHM - Regular Mass Schedule

St. Joseph - 7:30am & 10:30am

St. Nicholas - 9:30am, 11:00am