

# St. Francis of Assisi Church

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



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Jane Younger

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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 785-625-3131  
www.hfehays.org  
Thomas More Prep-Marian 785-625-6577  
www.tmp-m.org



**MASS INTENTIONS**

Sun. July 6	8:00 am	L/D Verlin & Elaine Pfannenstiel family
Wed. July 9	7:30 am	+Pam (Stecklein) Rollins
Sun. July 13	8:00 am	+Adam Pfannenstiel
Wed. July 16	7:30 am	+Farron Leiker

**SERVERS**

Sun July 6	Ahnalyn Leiker & Rexton Leiker
Sun July 13	Jacob Leiker & Logan Leiker

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Sun July 6	Jenalyn L, John M, Wendy R, Michelle W.
Sun July 13	Nathan L, Ken R, Peggy R, Deacon Steve

**LECTORS**

**OFFERTORY GIFTS**

Sun July 6	Lauren Moeder	Josh & Tina Waddell
Sun July 13	Natalie Oborny	Glenn & Rhonda Stramel

**GREETERS**

Sun July 6	Gloria Koirth
Sun July 13	David & Claudia Leiker

**COLLECTION TEAM**

**Sunday, July 6**

Aaron Dome, Wilbert Gross, John Oborny, Brian Pfannenstiel

**Sunday, July 13**

Ernie Binder, Francis Leiker, Blake Spencer,  
Brandon Zimmerman

**Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure**

Envelopes	\$1,921.00
Loose	\$60.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,981.00</b>



**FROM THE DESK OF CODY MARINTZER**

**Unoffendable Christians**

I once heard someone say that as Christians, we should be unoffendable. I find this to be very good advice. This does not mean it will be easy, but let's look at why this makes sense.

In the first reading, we are told to rejoice. This rejoicing is a response to God's grace in our lives and a love for Him. In the second reading, St. Paul exclaims, "May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ." Here, we see that we should boast - not in the prideful way of over-exaltation of one's self, but for the simple fact that we proclaim Christ and Him crucified. This may seem a strange thing to boast about (as it also would have back then), but when we consider that what we are boasting about is the Truth of our God who loves us so much that he became one of us and died for us so that he might reconcile us with the Father, save us from sin, and make us partakers in the divine life; it becomes clear that we are sharing the message of salvation.

In the Gospel today, Jesus tells 72 disciples that He is sending them "like lambs among wolves." He also tells them If they find people who are unreceptive to the Gospel, to shake the dust off their feet from that town and move on.

Now I think we can piece it all together. If we believe in Jesus and Him crucified for all of mankind, then what do we have to be offended for when we share it with others. Many people denied Christ and wouldn't follow Him. Many people scorned the 72 and they simply shook the dust off and moved on. Salvation isn't a numbers game. Yes, we want everyone to be with Jesus, but the reality is that through the examples we have seen, not everyone will latch on to the truth.

The other side of this coin is to not give up on the first try. Some people need a little more nudging. If we share the Gospel out of a true sense for the good of the other, then when they don't agree with us, we won't be offended, but will be able to roll with the punches. Keep sharing the Gospel and pray extra, through the intercession of St. Monica, for those who don't want to or can't see the truth.

**Coffee, Rolls and Conversation** following Mass this morning hosted by the Parish. Breakfast donations appreciated.

**Fr. Damian is gone this weekend to attend Comic Con in Denver, CO.** We extend a warm welcome to Fr. Job who will be our celebrant this Sunday.

**Today is the Peter's Pence Collection**, a worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Francis. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis to be a sign of mercy to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information, visit [www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html](http://www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html).

**Parish Council Meeting:** Tuesday, July 15th at 6:30 pm.

**Saints Joseph/Michael the Archangel Cemeteries:**

The St. Joseph maintenance crew will be preparing to mow the cemeteries once again. We ask that you please pick up everything that is not attached to the headstone by Sunday, July 13th at both cemeteries.



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.*

**Perpetual Adoration Chapel openings:**

Wednesday @ 3pm OPEN

Thursday, @ 3am OPEN

Saturday @ 1pm (Needs second adorer)

Contact Geri Rupp 785-639-5588

**Family Perspective ...Bud Ozar**

Just like the seventy two disciples sent out by Jesus in today's gospel, families are expected to be MISSIONARIES. By our lives, words and life style we proclaim peace, commitment, fidelity and respect to a culture caught up with violence and gratification.

**Bible Reflection ~ Stewardship Goal**

*"He said to them, 'The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few...'" LUKE 10:2*

As Catholics we are all called to serve. Each of us has been given "charisms" otherwise known as gifts from the Holy Spirit to help build God's Church. Our charisms can only be used for good. We know that we are using them in the right ministry when we are filled with joy and we want to share stories about our charitable works. Discern how God is calling you to use your charisms. Say "yes" to what God is calling you to do and then do it! Share your joy and invite others to do the same.

**EVENTS IN THE HEARTLAND**

**Saving & Investing Financial Presentation**

Hosted by the Hays Catholic Moms Ministry

Monday, July 14<sup>th</sup>  
– 6:30 PM in CYO Room of IHM  
Church Basement –

Nic and Krysten Eilert will be hosting a financial presentation on the benefits of saving money and investing for the future, highlighting the importance of saving money now for a child's future education and early adult life. Light snacks will be available, and **childcare will be provided.**

**This event is open to everyone!**



*Hays Catholic*  
**Moms Ministry**

SACRAMENTS • COMMUNITY • PRAYER

**Park Playdate:** Every 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday, 10 AM at Arc Park

**Mass & Social:** Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, 8 AM at IHM

- Mass followed by social in Children's Room in basement

**Confession:** Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, 3 PM at IHM

- Families meet in Children's Room to take turns for Confession

**Ladies Night Out:** Every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 7:30 PM

- Join other ladies for a kid-free evening of food, fellowship, and fun! Location varies. Non-moms welcome!

**Meal Trains:** Provided for families welcoming a new baby

**Contact:** Julie Berg | 785-443-4170 | julieberg57@gmail.com

*Join us on the Slack communication app or find us on Facebook!*

**Save the Date**

**K of C Sponsored Hays Lark's Baseball Game**

The Ellis County Councils of the Knights of Columbus is hosting the Hays Larks Baseball Game Monday July 21, at 7pm. Please join us at Larks Park (4th and Oak, Hays) for a night of fun and to encourage new membership. Admission is free courtesy of the Ellis County K of C Councils.

**Seminarian Fundraising Dinners - Join us July 31<sup>st</sup> at the Rose Garden Banquet Hall in Hays** for an evening of faith, fellowship, and support for our future priests! Come enjoy a delicious meal, inspiring program, and the opportunity to meet and visit with the seminarians who are answering God's call to the priesthood in the Diocese of Salina. To RSVP by July 16<sup>th</sup> or to make a gift to support the seminarians, visit [bit.ly/semsofsalina](http://bit.ly/semsofsalina)



Join us during this Jubilee Year of Hope for a pilgrimage on Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup> @ 8:45am:

\*Gather in the St. Nicholas Parking Lot to caravan to St Paul's in Angelus.

\*There, we will partake in Mass, become familiarized with St Paul's and its history, and participate in reflective prayer.

\*Making this pilgrimage allows you to Gain an indulgence.

\*Be sure to bring a sack lunch.

\*Return to Hays



A man walking along a California beach was deep in prayer. All of a sudden he said out loud, "Lord, grant me one wish." Suddenly the sky clouded above his head, and in a booming voice the Lord said, "Because you have TRIED to be faithful to me in all ways, I will grant you one wish." The man said, "Build a bridge to Hawaii so I can drive over anytime I want to."

The Lord said, "Your request is very materialistic. Think of the logistics of that kind of undertaking. The supports required to reach the bottom of the Pacific! The concrete and steel it would take! I can do it, but it is hard for me to justify your desire for worldly things. Take a little more time and think of another wish, a wish you think would honor and glorify me." The man thought about it for a long time. Finally he said, "Lord, I wish that I could understand women. I want to know how they feel inside, what they are thinking when they give me the silent treatment, why they cry, what they mean when they say 'nothing,' and how I can make a woman truly happy."

After a few minutes God said, "You want two or four lanes on that bridge?"

## CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



### HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Mandy Meagher Principal

(785) 625-3131

May 16 - Aug 18 Summer Break! *Enjoy your Summer!*

June - July Summer Office Hours  
Tues - Thurs 8:00 - 1:00



### THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN

Chad Meitner, Principal

Melissa Schoepf, Jr. High Assistant Principal

(785) 625-6577

### Kolbe Prison Ministries Retreat

The Kolbe Prison Ministries (KPM) will lead a retreat in the Ellsworth Prison on July 10-12. You can find out more about the KPM at <https://kolbeprisonministries.org/>.

*What is a Kolbe Ministries Retreat?* These retreats span 3 days and are open to all faiths. The retreats aim to teach all retreatants about the Catholic faith.

*Has this retreat been approved?* Enthusiastically. This retreat has been approved by Bishop Vincke, the prison Chaplain, and the KPM.

*How can I help:*

- First, with prayer. To join our team of prayer warriors, please send an email to [prayforECF@avonel.com](mailto:prayforECF@avonel.com).

- Second, help as a volunteer. We hope to continue having more of these retreats in the Salina Diocese, which will require a team of local volunteers.

- Third, with financial support. Donations can be made via PayPal using the code: @Cummins1950 or via check using the following mailing address:

Robert Martin, Esq., Norton, Wasserman, Jones & Kelly, LLC, PO Box 2388, Salina, KS 67402 Memo note: Retreat

Please reach out to the representative of Kolbe Ministries, Craig Cummins, at [EllsworthRetreat@avonel.com](mailto:EllsworthRetreat@avonel.com).

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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.*



# Heartland Parishes

July 20-25, 2025

TMP-Marian Campus



## What is Totus Tuus?

Totus Tuus is a week long summer Catholic youth program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic Faith through evangelization, catechesis, Christian witness, and Eucharistic worship.

For those entering grades 1-12 in the '25-'26 year:

1st-6th grades: July 21-25, M-F, 9am-3pm

7th-12th grades: July 20-24, Sun-Th, 7:30pm-9:45pm

### Contact:

IHM: Jaclyn Brown, 785.625.7339

St. Joe: Allison Ochoa, 785.625.7356

St. Nick: Cody Marintzer, 785.628.1446



Through your generous gift of stewardship to your parishes, there will be no registration fee this year. We still need you to register your child though so we can account for snacks and other supplies.

Register  
Here:



July 2025

# From the Diocese



While recently stating that the poor are at the heart of the Church's pastoral activity, Pope Leo XIV declared that "the gravest poverty is not to know God" and that having him accompany us on the journey of life puts material wealth into perspective- "we discover the real treasure that we need."

This comment made me think of Blessed Bartolo Longo, who will soon be canonized a saint. His life is a powerful testimony to the transformative power of grace and should give everyone hope that God never gives up on us.

While many saints stayed faithful to God throughout their lives, Bartolo Longo left the Catholic faith and became very involved with occult practices and even became a "Satanic priest." This involved leading séances, experimenting with drugs, and many other practices that led to his unhappiness.

Then, one night, he heard the voice of his dead father crying out to him, "Return to God!" This led him on a journey back to the Catholic Church, with a special devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

From a satanist to a saint. There is hope for all. May we help people to "return to God," the one who loves them more than anyone.

*+ Gerald L. Vincke*

Gerald L. Vincke, Bishop of the Salina Diocese

## Seminarian Dinners

7/30

**Manhattan**

Hilton Garden Inn

7/31

**Hays**

Rose Garden Banquet Hall

## NEIGHBORS NEAR & NEIGHBORS FAR:

### Church in Africa



Africa faces the economic and social hurdles of enormous debt, epidemic, severe poverty, and political unrest. In spite of these challenges, the Church in Africa has almost tripled in size in the past 30 years. However, it is difficult for the church to sustain its growth and maintain essential pastoral outreach. The Fund provides grants to finance pastoral projects including outreach programs, schools, evangelization, and education of clergy and lay ministers. Our solidarity is necessary to help the "salt of the Earth" Church in Africa realize its potential as a "light of the world."

#### To Give:

Anytime during July, place an envelope in your Parish Collection labeled "Church in Africa"



## —Upcoming Events—

7/4

**Independence Day**

7/11

**SHHS Endowment Golf Tournament**  
Salina, Opening Prayer 7:45a.m.

7/12

**Catholic Charities Green Tie Celebration**  
Salina Country Club, 6p.m.

7/13

**St. Peter's 150th Anniversary Celebration**  
St. Peter's, Aurora, 3p.m.

7/19

**Sacred Table Training Event**  
St. Mary's Parish Hall, Salina, 9a.m.

7/26

**S.H. Plainville Auction**  
Plainville, Mass 4:30p.m., Auction 6p.m.

*Together, let us be disciples of Jesus on mission!*

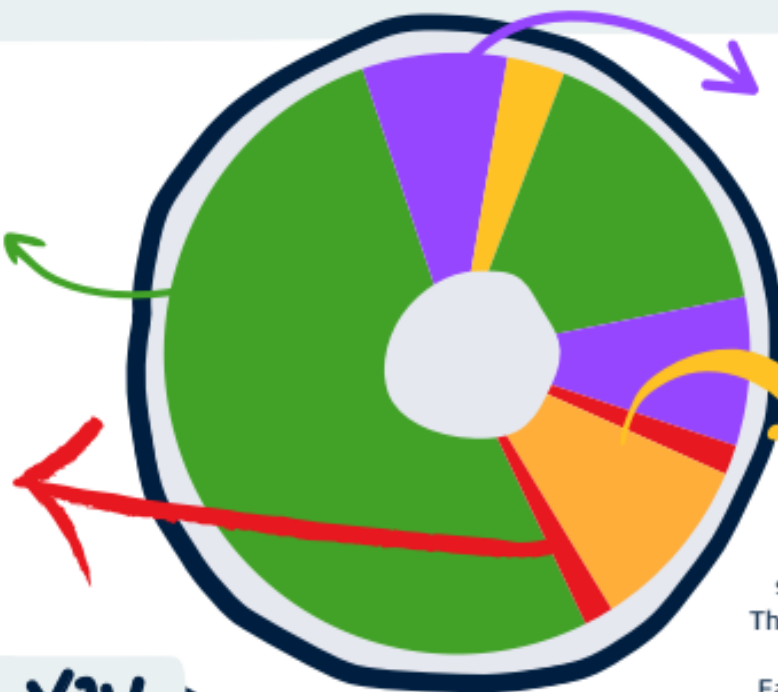


## OUR LITURGICAL CALENDAR

The calendar helps us keep track of passing time, while the **liturgical calendar** helps us enter into the times of Jesus Christ! These “mysteries” of his life, death, resurrection, and teaching are celebrated by Catholics every year, using the liturgical calendar as a roadmap.

Green is the color for **Ordinary Time**. “Ordinary” means counted time. During this season, we learn about Jesus’ teaching and ministry. Green symbolizes hope.

Red is the color for **Pentecost and Holy Week**. Red symbolizes fire, blood, and charity. It is also worn on the feast days of martyrs!



Purple is the color for **Advent and Lent**. Purple symbolizes penance.

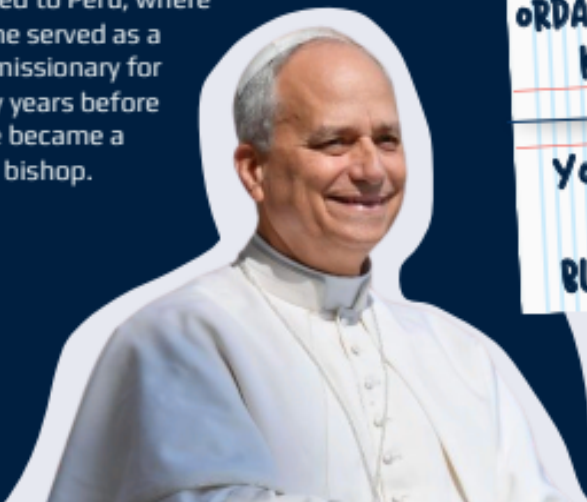
Gold/White are colors that symbolize glory! They are worn in the Christmas and Easter season, and on feast days!

## POPE LEO XIV

### THE POPE FROM CHICAGO!

The college of Cardinals elected Cardinal Robert Prevost as our new pope! Cardinal Prevost took the name Pope Leo the 14th. Pope Leo is the **FIRST** American pope- he was born right here in the midwest- in Chicago, Illinois! Eventually, he moved to Peru, where

he served as a missionary for many years before he became a bishop.



NEWLY  
ORDAINED FROM  
KANSAS

YOU WANT  
OUR  
BLESSING?



## PRIESTS ON THE MOVE!

After they were ordained, the three new priests from the Diocese of Salina took off to travel before they settle into their new lives. Their journey brought

them to Rome, where they had the opportunity to see Pope Leo from the crowd. They held up a sign saying they were new priests, and asked if he wanted their blessing. Pope Leo stopped the pope mobile and waved them on! In return, he gave them a blessing too!

**The Rural Life Office  
invites you to participate  
in Rural Life Day,  
Century Farm Awards &  
Golden Business Awards**



**CATHOLIC  
RURAL LIFE**  
SALINA DIOCESE

**Sunday, August 17, 2025**

**3:00 PM**

**St. Wenceslaus**

**2807 Ave D**

**Wilson, KS, 67490**

We are now accepting applications for  
both awards. Visit the Diocese  
webpage for more information:

