

# 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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## 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, July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 ~ Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



**MASS INTENTIONS**

Sun. July 4 8:00 am +Jeremy Seib  
Wed. July 7 7:30 am L/D Benedict & Margaret Brenner fam  
Sun. July 11 8:00 am +Steve & Aaron Pfannenstiel  
Wed. July 14 7:30 am +Curt Pfannenstiel

**SERVERS**

Sunday, July 4 Jacob Leiker & Trenton Staley  
Sunday, July 11 Makailyn Leiker & Rexton Leiker

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Sunday, July 4 Nathan Leiker & Ken Richmeier  
Sunday, July 11 John Moeder & Deacon Steve

**LECTORS**

Sun. July 4 Lilly Binder  
Sun. July 11 Valerie Dome

**OFFERTORY GIFTS**

Tony & Patty Rohr  
Kenny & Ann Pfannenstiel

**GREETERS**

Sunday, July 4 Jeanette Pfannenstiel  
Sunday, July 11 Joe & Mindy Pfannenstiel

**COLLECTION TEAM**

**Sunday, July 4**

Mark Leiker, Kenny Pfannenstiel, Gary Staab, Josh Waddell

**Sunday, July 11**

Jerry Gross, Larry Koirth, Brian Pfannenstiel, Jeff Richmeier

**TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS**

Sunday, July 4 Linda Gross  
Sunday, July 11 Herman & Rosie Leiker  
Sunday, July 18 Aaron & Kolleen Dome  
Sunday, July 25 Darold & Evelyn Younker

**Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure**

Envelopes \$2,135.00  
Loose \$200.00  
Candles \$20.00  
  
**Total \$2,355.00**



**REFLECTION FROM DEACON STEVE URBAN**

Ezekiel 2: 2-5  
2 Corinthians 12: 7-10  
Mark 6: 1-6

My wife and I have been watching the series Star Trek: Deep Space Nine which is the fourth series in the *Star Trek* franchise. In this series, a group of people called the Bajorans are led to “follow the prophets”. The “prophets” are a mysterious spiritual entity that helps direct people’s lives in all facets. While on Deep Space Nine the people wanted to know what “the prophets” said and to follow their guidance, in the real world we often fail to recognize a true prophet and don’t heed their message. In today’s Scripture readings, the prophet Ezekiel, the prophetic- speaking Paul, and Jesus, the greatest prophet, were not well accepted. Yet all three fervently and faithfully proclaimed their message and called people back to God. Like them we too must live our lives prophetically standing up for the Gospel knowing it will cost us.

In our first reading the prophet Ezekiel receives his call or mission to be prophet to the people of Israel. In receiving his commission, Ezekiel knows that his vocation will not be easy. For God is quite clear with Ezekiel. The people whom God is calling Ezekiel to prophesy to are rebels. God says they are hard of face and obstinate of heart. Yet God has chosen Ezekiel and wants him to proclaim this message whether easy or not. In the second reading, Paul is alluding to some special revelation he had received. Some who had received this special revelatory gift might become prideful and haughty. Paul instead was given a “thorn in the flesh” to keep him humble and centered on his mission. Although some have speculated this “thorn in the flesh” was some sort of disease or maybe persecution, no one really knows. What we do know is that Paul uses this malady to grow closer to Christ. Speaking prophetically, Paul says that God’s grace is sufficient for him, and God’s power is made perfect through this malady. After Ezekiel’s commission to be a prophet and Paul’s prophetic message, we hear from the greatest prophet Jesus in today’s Gospel. Jesus returns to his native place, his home, and while his message astounds his listeners, they cannot heed his message because surely a simple carpenter’s son can’t speak these prophetic words. All three, Ezekiel, Paul, and Jesus, speak God’s word and all three suffer rejection and a lack of faith.

By our baptism we are to participate in Christ’s mission as priest, prophet, and king. So, what does it mean to be a prophet? It means by our daily lives that we speak the truth of the Gospel. By our words and more importantly our actions we proclaim the Gospel message. And we do this to a world that like in Ezekiel and Jesus’ day failed to believe and often persecuted the prophets

themselves. So often we think living our Catholic Christian faith will be easy. Often we just want to fade into the fabric of the world without standing up for Gospel values. But to be a prophet means we do it with courage and boldness. We have to stand up and be counted for. Ridicule, persecution, and suffering will be a part of living our faith in this country. Yet, God gives his grace and love to handle whatever the world throws our way. His Church, empowered by the Holy Spirit, gives us guidance and support to live out our prophetic vocation. Let us lean on Jesus, the greatest prophet, to boldly and courageously proclaim the Gospel message.

~ Deacon Steve



Coffee, rolls and conversation following Mass this morning, hosted by the parish. Everyone welcome!



20<sup>th</sup>: Pastoral Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.  
25<sup>th</sup>: Confirmation: 8:00 a.m.

**Peter's Pence Collection** The financial support offered by the faithful to the Holy Father as a sign of their sharing in the concern of the Successor of Peter for the many different needs of the Universal Church and for the relief of those in need.



*From the Desk of Fr. Damian:*

**New Wedding Ritual**  
*Disposition of the Wedding Party*

*"Wherever the Catholic sun doth shine,  
There's always laughter and good red wine.  
At least I've always found it so.  
Benedicamus Domino!"*  
— Hilaire Belloc

As this quote from Catholic writer Hilaire Belloc **illustrates, Catholic weddings are a time for celebration.** We rejoice that a couple has found each other and are in love.

But since marriage is serious work, there is a solemnity in the wedding ceremony.

We know a couple beginning the great adventure of marriage needs the grace of the Sacrament. They need the prayers of family, friends and parish so that the foundation of their married life can be strong.

Which means the wedding party must approach their liturgical duties seriously. The ceremony is a time for sober and solemn work. We are here to pray for the couple and to ask for God's Blessings to come upon them.

So, no drinking before the Mass. No jokes during the ceremony. We have work to do.

A sports analogy: there is much celebration when a team wins a championship. But the team doesn't start celebrating until after the game has been won.

As it is in athletics, so it is in a wedding. There is much celebration as a couple begins their life together. But not until after the serious work of prayer and petition of our Lord and Savior has been done.

**Hospital Visits:** Fr. Damian is happy to visit people in the hospital. Due to privacy rules, clergy is not allowed to ask for a list of Catholic patients. If a hospitalized person wants a visit from clergy, please let me know and I can go up and visit.

Center for Life Experience, Inc.  
103 C East 27th St., Hays  
July Meetings

July 8, at 6:30pm "Healing through Creativity"

An opportunity to connect with other parents and family members who have lost a child.

July 7, at 6:30pm, and July 21, at 6:30pm – Regular Group Meeting Offering hope, encouragement & understanding to those who have lost a loved one to suicide.

July 6, at 10am, and July 20 – at 6:30pm Offering hope, encouragement and understanding to those who have suffered an adult loss such as a spouse, parent, sibling, or friend.  
For more info, website: [cflhope.org](http://cflhope.org) or call 639-5465.

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

Today's gospel is so familiar, it hurts! The home town folks couldn't accept the presence of God in Jesus. After all, they had watched him grow up. We can easily make the same mistake if we don't see God present in the ordinary routines of our family. "The Lord be with you" is a statement of fact. Believe it. Live it.



Matt Shorman, Adam, Special Intentions,  
Ramona Weigel, 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.*



*Praying for a safe and  
bountiful harvest.*

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Ellis County Ministerial Alliance's First Step Housing will be opening sometime in August and we are asking for your help in stocking the house with needed household items. Our NEEDS LIST is on Amazon and a link is available on our website [www.firstcallelliscounty.com](http://www.firstcallelliscounty.com). For more info on ways to help call 785-623-2800. Thank you!

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**JULY - WORLD DAY AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS – JULY 30.** Donate to residences where staff are helping survivors to rebuild their lives. U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking ([sistersagainstrafficking.org](http://sistersagainstrafficking.org)), 2039 N Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131.



**More 2 Life**

There really is more to life... Join Dr. Greg Popcak and his wife Lisa for this live, call in program that helps listeners navigate the waters of family life with relevant, relatable and achievable tools and solutions straight from the genius of John Paul II's Theology of the Body. It is the life you were meant to live! Tune in at 9 AM on Thursdays. The call-in number is 877-573-7825.

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Rachels Vineyard of the Salina Diocese is resuming retreat weekends. The retreats offer healing from the effects from abortion. Interested women or men can inquire by calling 1-877-I-GRIEVE (1-877-447-4383) or email [rachelsvineyard@salinadiocese.org](mailto:rachelsvineyard@salinadiocese.org).



Have a Safe and Happy  
4<sup>th</sup> of July!

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**CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS**



**HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY**

Rachel Wentling, Principal  
625-3131

June/July: Office open Tues -Thurs 9-12 & 1-4  
June 30: Last day to turn in uniform donations

Holy Family Elementary has openings for the upcoming 21-22 school year for students entering grades Preschool, Kindergarten, 1st, and 4th. If you are interested or want to get more information, please contact Toni in the school office at 785-625-3131. We are happy to offer family tours and answer any questions you may have about our school!

HFE seeking an art teacher to inspire students in faith formation and excellence in fine arts. This position can be part-time or full-time based on additional assigned duties.

HFE is seeking self-initiators who love God and are willing to serve His children as a paraprofessional.

HFE is seeking enthusiastic individuals to supervise and serve children in our After-School Care program.

**For more information call the school 625-3131**



**THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN**

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

Mon. June 28 to Fri. July 2: KSHSAA Family Week - Front office/building closed.

TMP-M currently has 2 job positions open. We are looking for a full-time cook and a full-time custodian/maintenance. Please contact the school for more information at 625-6577.

TMP-M Uniform Sales: HFE New & Used and TMP-M New Uniform Sale July 14, from 11am to 6pm, at HFE. SchoolBelles will be on-site at HFE

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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.*