

# 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, July 31st, 2022 ~ Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. July 31	8:00 am	L/D Don & Charlotte Werth fam
Wed. Aug 3	7:30 am	+Carol Schlegel
Sun. Aug 7	8:00 am	L/D Herman & Rosie Leiker fam
Wed. Aug 10	7:30 am	+Ron Ruder

### SERVERS

Sunday, July 31	Benjamin Dome & Trenton Staley
Sunday, August 7	Jacob Leiker & Logan Leiker

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, July 31	Jenalyn L, John M, Lauren M.
Sunday, August 7	Ernie B, Nathan L, Ken R.

### LECTORS

### OFFERTORY GIFTS

Sun. July 31	Nathan Leiker	K of C Members
Sun. Aug 7	John Moeder	Sid & Joanne Steinert

### GREETERS

Sunday, July 31	K of C Members
Sunday, August 7	Brian Pfannenstiel

### COLLECTION TEAM

#### Sunday, July 31

Wilbert Gross, Blake Leiker, Mark Leiker, Jeff Richmeier

#### Sunday, August 7

Larry Koirth, Rexton Leiker, John Oborny, Trenton Staley

### TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

Sunday, July 31	Jeff & Wendy Richmeier
Sunday, August 7	Mark & Dora Leiker
Sunday, August 14	Deanna Leiker
Sunday, August 21	Jason & Rose Carter

### Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure

Envelopes	\$1,585.00
Loose	\$96.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,681.00</b>



### REFLECTION FROM DEACON STEVE URBAN

Genesis 18:20-32  
Colossians 2:12-14  
Luke 11:1-13

Several months ago before I fell asleep, I prayed each night that an issue would be resolved in my daughter's life. At first when I started making this prayer, the focus was on the outcome I wanted. But after a while, I changed my prayer to asking that whatever God wanted I would learn to accept. God answered my prayer not in the manner I wished it, but he definitely answered my prayer request. This week, after learning from Mary the importance of a listening heart from last Sunday's Gospel, we again are on the road to Jerusalem traveling with Jesus. Jesus has stopped to pray, and we pick up with the disciples asking their master to teach them how to pray. In response to their request, Jesus first gives them the best prayer in the "Our Father". Then he goes on to give a teaching on what is important in our prayer life. So let's begin our journey.

First, we need to reflect on Abraham's walking with God and their discussion about Sodom and Gomorrah. The evil of the inhabitants of Sodom and Gomorrah is well known throughout centuries. Our story in today's first reading picks up from last week when God visited Abraham through three men. This week God has decided to investigate the evil of the two cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. Abraham walks with God, and as he does he pleads his case to spare the cities if so many innocent people are found in Sodom and Gomorrah. He starts out with the number fifty and then goes down to ten. The discussion between Abraham and God mimics two persons bargaining with each other in an outdoor market. Abraham, while being forthright, is very reverent in pleading his case to God. God accepts Abraham's request that if ten innocent people are found God will spare the cities from destruction. Abraham's directness and honesty with God are characteristics that we might imitate when we pray to God.

In the Gospel from Luke, we have Jesus praying as he is on his way to Jerusalem.

The disciples see Jesus in prayer and ask that he might teach them how to pray. Jesus begins his instructions on prayer by giving them the "Our Father". Scripture scholars think this Lucan version, while shorter, may be more original. In the "Our Father", Jesus begins by addressing God as *Abba* which translated means *Daddy or Papa* and reveals an intimate relationship with his Father not found in Jewish prayers. Luke has also given his version a sense of the end times by having Jesus pray "your kingdom come". After the "Our Father", Jesus goes on to tell a parable about a friend who goes to another friend asking for bread at midnight to feed unexpected guests. Even though the friend who is being asked to help refuses at first, he eventually gives in because of the persistence of the borrower. Finally, Jesus relates how as humans we know how to be good to our children, and God is even more loving and giving to his people when we pray with sincere hearts.

I remember once my family was in need of a different vehicle. I thought we needed a Chevy Tahoe. I stewed and fretted about obtaining this type of vehicle thinking it would make me happy. So, we got this used vehicle and within several months all the allure of the Chevy Tahoe was gone. It didn't bring me the happiness I was searching for. Jesus, the great teacher and a student of human nature, knows that nothing brings us happiness without a personal relationship to him. Most often possessions, whether things or personal achievements, get in the way of having a life-giving relationship with our God. A life of love in him endures forever compared to our possessions which are "dust in the wind".

~ Deacon Steve

#### A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE HERALDS OF GOOD NEWS

Heralds of Good News (HGN) is a Clerical Missionary Society of Apostolic life of Pontifical right, whose principal seat is established in the Diocese of Eluru (AP) in India, was founded by Rev. Fr. Jose Kaimlett on October 14, 1984. It was erected as of diocesan right on May, 1991 and being recognized as of pontifical right on May 5, 1999. The society has a charism that is unique to itself of **"training and supplying zealous and saintly priests wherever there is need in the Universal Church, especially due to the shortage of local vocations."**

In order to make the smooth run of the administration, the society has been formed into five provinces. There are five priests from this Order working in our diocese of Salina.

The society has been experiencing the divine providence from the day of its origin. The Missionaries of our Order have been sent to different parts of the world such as: Papua New Guinea, Tanzania, Australia, Belgium, Italy, Holland, Germany, Canada, Scotland, England, Singapore, Ireland and USA. In India our priests are rendering their services in more than 50 dioceses among which 11 are situated in Tamilnadu, one of the southern states of India.

### Church news

#### **MUNJOR SCHOOL BUILDING & GROUNDS:**

- \* The fence going around the grounds has been donated. No expense to the parish.
- \* Water well foundation to be removed, will keep water well.
- \* Locust trees to be removed.
- \* Checking into additional lighting for parking area.

Shingle repair on three buildings, within the next couple of weeks. Roofmasters will do repairs at no cost to parish.

Peggy Richmeier, Organist/Choir Director will be retiring at the end of the year. If anyone is interested in this position, please contact Fr. Damian or Lilly.



#### **Value Them Both Hays Office**

*Silent and Prayerful Sign Waving Event*

**WHEN:** Monday, August 1st, 4:30-6:00 PM

**WHERE:** NE Corner of 27th and Vine

The Value Them Both Coalition invites local residents to encourage the people of Ellis County to **VOTE YES** on August 2nd by silently waving Value Them Both signs while praying for the conversion of hearts.

Signs will be available. Homemade signs are encouraged and are expected to be respectful.

Contact Paul Flesher at 785-656-3121 with any questions.

**Value Them Both Holy Hour** 6-7 pm Mon, August 1st at IHM. 6:00 Exposition 6:05 Rosary 6:30 Divine Mercy Chaplet 6:45 Litany to the Blessed Mother 6:50 Benediction. *Ice cream social following in the Little Theater.*

**Coffee, rolls and conversation following Mass next Sunday, hosted by the Knights of Columbus.**

**Prayer Requests:** Maya Gottschalk, Stan Herrmann, Jerome Herrmann, Carla Meier, Special Intention, Terry Hauschel, Theo Leiker, 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.*

Dear St. Francis Parishioners,

Thank you for your generous participation and support of Catholic Charities' Baby Bottle Campaign. Because of YOU, parents throughout the 31 counties of northern Kansas will have access to quality and affordable pregnancy support and adoption services. These programs are the hallmark of our organization and bring life to their recipients.

Recipients like Mary, who adopted her son Bryce through Catholic Charities 21 years ago, benefit from funds raised through this campaign. Reflecting on the gift of life adoption has given her family, Mary said, "When I look at what Bryce has brought to my life, if it was not for Catholic Charities and God orchestrating that connection, Bryce would not be Bryce. What a blessing that I got Bryce. Even though he did not physically come from my body, I got to be the one to experience all his life."

Thank you for the tremendous impact you have had on the lives of parents in northern Kansas. You have changed the lives of so many, like Mary, who appreciate the abundant blessings and gifts that children bring. God's gifts happen through you.

With gratitude,

Megan Robl  
Executive Director

**RURAL LIFE DAY** will be observed Sunday, Aug. 14. This year we will be in the West Central Deanery at the St. Fidelis Basilica in Victoria. We will be awarding the Msgr. John George Weber Century Farm Award to families who have owned, farmed or lived on the farm in the diocese for more than 100 years. If you are interested in applying for the Century Farm Award, check the diocesan website under Rural Life for more information. Deadline for applications is Aug. 1st. For further information, contact Fr. Rich Daise, (785) 625-7357 or [frich@sacredheartcolby.com](mailto:frich@sacredheartcolby.com)

**RUNNIN' REVS** game in Hays will take place at 6 P.M. on August 12 at TMP-M Al Billinger Field House. This is a free event to help support seminarians and promote vocations. All are encouraged to come out and show your support!

**The Salina Diocesan of Catholic Women Convention** will be held Saturday, Aug. 20, at St. Nicholas of Myra Church. Pre-register now, forms available in the Gathering Space, or online at [Salinadiocese.org](http://Salinadiocese.org). Registration will begin at 8am and Mass will be at 11am with Bishop Gerald Vincke. A catered luncheon will be served and a raffle will be held.

## Support Groups

**"NAMI Connections"** Meets 1st & 3rd Monday each month 7 to 8:30pm: Hosted by: NAMI Hays - 103C E. 27th St., Oak Plaza, Hays. For more info e-mail at [art@namikansas.org](mailto:art@namikansas.org).

**"Healing After Loss"** Support Group meets 1st & 3rd Wednesday each month 10am: Hosted by: Center for Life Experience 103C E. 27th St., Oak Plaza, Hays. RSVP by e-mail at [info@cflhope.org](mailto:info@cflhope.org) or call 785-259- 6859.

**"NAMI Family Support Group"** Meets 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month (in-person or online) – 7 to 8:30pm: Regular Meeting. Hosted by: NAMI Hays - 103C E. 27th St., Oak Plaza, Hays. For more info e-mail at [art@namikansas.org](mailto:art@namikansas.org).

**"Healing Hearts"** Support Group meets 2nd Thursday each month (in-person) – 6:30pm: Regular Meeting. Hosted by: Center for Life Experience 103C E. 27th St., Oak Plaza, Hays. RSVP by e-mail at [info@cflhope.org](mailto:info@cflhope.org) or call for information 785-259-6859.

## CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



### HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Rachel Wentling, Principal  
(785) 625-3131

August 3 Enrollment 7:30 a.m.—2:00 p.m. in Little Theater, mandatory

**HFE has openings for students** entering Preschool, 1st, 2nd, and 5th grade for the upcoming school year 22-23! Please contact the school office at 785-625-3131 if you'd like more information or would like to tour the school!



### THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN

Chad Meitner, Principal

Bob Leikam, Jr. High Assistant Principal  
(785) 625-6577

August 3, 4 Enrollment in Learning Commons 7am —1 pm

**Volleyball Coaches Needed** TMP-M is looking for an assistant high school volleyball coach and a head coach and assistant coach for junior high volleyball. Please email Megan Gottschalk at [mgottschalk@hfehays.org](mailto:mgottschalk@hfehays.org)

**PRAYER FOR RAIN:** O God, our Creator, you are the source of all life. We pray to you who calms the raging waters and commands the wind, to provide us sufficient rain to quench our parched land. We pray for rain that will sustain our crops and land. Help us always be good stewards of your creation and to care for the many resources of this earth. We ask for these blessings through the intercession of Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth. Amen

St. Isidore, Patron of Farmers and Farm Life—Pray for Us.

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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.*



# VALUE THEM BOTH

Aug 2<sup>nd</sup>

**YES** IS PRO-WOMAN AND PRO-CHILD

## FACTS NOT FEAR

- **Value Them Both will stop painful live-dismemberment, late-term and tax-payer funded abortions.** It does not ban all abortion.
- **Value Them Both addresses Kansas abortion policy and protects women from predatory and dangerous practices of the abortion industry.** Under Kansas law, treatment for miscarriage is not considered an abortion and every abortion limit includes protection for life of the mother situations, such as ectopic pregnancy.
- **Claims that the abortion industry in Kansas is "heavily regulated" are false.** In the words of the Kansas Supreme Court, all of our existing abortion laws are "presumed unconstitutional" (pg. 72 of 2019 *Hodes* ruling), essentially making them unenforceable and at risk of being struck down by abortion industry lawsuits. The abortion industry fought against every one of our limits and has sued similar laws in other states.



**Value Them Both will safeguard these existing Kansas laws that are at risk of being struck down:**

Kansas Laws at Risk	A YES vote...	A NO vote...
No Live-Dismemberment* & Late Term Abortion (SB 95/HB 2531)	✓ Stops live-dismemberment abortions and prevents abortions up until the moment of birth in Kansas.	✗ Will allow live-dismemberment abortions to continue and will enable abortions up until the moment of birth.
Parental Consent (HB2035)	✓ Requires abortionists to inform parents of their child's pregnancy, giving them the opportunity to guide her through a challenging situation.	✗ Will allow the abortion industry to keep parents uninformed, thereby protecting abusers, rapists, and the sex-trafficking industry.
Women's Right to Know and See (SB 204/SB 238)	✓ Empowers women with information about abortion risks, alternatives, and the development of her unborn baby through ultrasound.	✗ Will allow the abortion industry to withhold this critical information from women.
Abortion Clinic Licensing and Inspections Law** (H Sub SB 36)	✓ Requires that abortion clinics be licensed and inspected by the KDHE for safety and sanitation standards to protect women.	✗ Will allow the abortion industry to police itself without oversight.
No taxpayer funded abortion (HB 2253)	✓ Prevents Kansans from being required to pay for abortions with their tax dollars.	✗ Will require Kansans to pay for abortions with their tax dollars.

\*Live dismemberment ban was struck down in April 2021.

\*\*Abortion Clinic Licensing and Inspections Law was struck down in December 2021

### Praying for VALUE THEM BOTH



The Catholic Church has consecrated the passage of the Value Them Both Amendment to Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the unborn. Implore Our Lady's intercession in prayer. For a listing of all prayer vigils in the Archdiocese before the vote, see the Leaven calendar section.

### Who Supports VALUE THEM BOTH?

- ♥ All Kansas Catholic Bishops
- ♥ Over 250 Medical and Mental Health Professionals
- ♥ Kansas Catholic Conference
- ♥ Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, Kansas District
- ♥ Kansas-Nebraska Convention of Southern Baptists
- ♥ Focus on the Family
- ♥ Kansans for Life
- ♥ Kansas Family Voice
- ♥ Concerned Women for America of Kansas
- ♥ Family Research Council
- ♥ Dr. James Dobson



To show that we **VALUE THEM BOTH** in Kansas, please join fellow Catholics and other people of faith in voting **YES** on August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Paid for by Value Them Both, Julie Samaniego, Treasurer

[archkck.org/ValueThemBoth](http://archkck.org/ValueThemBoth)

Sunday, July 31st, 2022 ~ Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11TH ANNUAL DIOCESAN MEN'S CONFERENCE

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**KEYNOTE SPEAKER: DR. MARIO ENZLER**

Former Swiss Guard, serving Pope John Paul II and  
Dean of Cameron School of Business at University of St. Thomas

**AUGUST 13TH, 2021  
8:00AM - 12:30PM**

**IMMACULATE HEART  
1805 VINE ST. HAYS KS**

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