

# 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 785-625-3131

[www/hfehays.org](http://www/hfehays.org)

Thomas More Prep-Marian 785-625-6577

[www.tmp-m.org](http://www.tmp-m.org)

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Sun. July 2	8:00 am	+Katie Leiker
Wed. July 5	7:30 am	L/D Julie & Mary Jane Koerner family
Sun. July 9	8:00 am	+Ken Smith
Wed. July 12	7:30 am	+Nick & Almeda Stecklein

**SERVERS**

Sunday, July 2	Cali Richmeier & Rafe Richmeier
Sunday, July 9	Ahnalyn Leiker & Reylyn Leiker

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Sun. July 2	Ken R, Glenn S, Rhonda S, Josh W.
Sun. July 9	Nathan L, Amy P, Wendy R, Tony S.

**LECTORS                      OFFERTORY GIFTS**

Sun. July 2	John Moeder	Brian Pfannenstiel
Sun. July 9	Lauren Moeder	Amy Pfannenstiel

**GREETERS**

Sunday, July 2	Tony & Diana Staley
Sunday, July 9	Alan & Juanita Stecklein

**COLLECTION TEAM**

**Sunday, July 2**

Ernie Binder, David Leiker, Rexton Leiker, Tony Rohr

**Sunday, July 9**

Jason Carter, Rich Ruder, Glenn Stramel, Darold Younker

**TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS**

Sunday, July 2	Ken & Peggy Richmeier
Sunday, July 9	Darold & Evelyn Younker
Sunday, July 16	Mark & Dora Leiker
Sunday, July 23	Deanna Leiker

**Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure**

Envelopes	\$2,693.00
Loose	\$251.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,944.00</b>



**REFLECTION FROM DEACON STEVE URBAN**

**2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a**  
**Romans 6:3-4, 8-11**  
**Matthew 10:37-42**

Christian discipleship is not a one-time decision. The choice to follow Jesus is a decision or commitment that must be made over and over...each and every day. This commitment to follow Jesus begins with our baptism but must be enfolded out in our daily work, play, prayer... everything we do. Like the woman in the first reading who chose to be hospitable to the prophet Elisha, we too must take steps each day to welcome God's disciples. In the Gospel, Jesus tells us quite emphatically that to follow him means to choose him over family, friends, and worldly comforts. To follow him means quite simply to die with him on the cross. Sounds scary! But Jesus promises us that we will be greatly rewarded. He promises that if we die with him, we will come to a new life in him...now. And someday this now will extend for all eternity in heaven.

Our first reading is a wonderful story from the prophet Elisha who was active in people's personal lives in the political affairs of the Israelites. Today we have a personal story about how this woman of Shunem showed hospitality to a man whom she said was "a holy man of God". She befriended him, offered him room and board, and was then rewarded for her efforts. Patricia Sanchez, commenting about today's reading, says this woman's recognition of Elisha as a prophet reflected the author of the Book of Kings' belief that God's word was effective in people's everyday lives. God's word was active because Elisha promised this woman and her husband that they would have a son. Being without a child, especially a son, could have spelt disaster for this woman in old age. Without any child there would be no one to support her financially, especially if her husband died first. God rewards this woman by providing her with a son.

God provides his people with the graces they need to follow him through the sacrament of baptism. In our second reading, Paul says we are buried with Christ in baptism. This "dying" was symbolized in the ancient baptismal ritual. Most often the person to be baptized was totally immersed in water. Going down into the water symbolized dying, and coming up out of the baptismal pool signified being raised to a new life. Yet to be faithful to the graces of our baptism calls for a day-in-day-out dying to self and rising above our sinful ways. That's exactly what Jesus was calling for in today's Gospel.

In Matthew's Gospel for today, Jesus says that discipleship to his way of life demands total commitment to him and him only. Following him supersedes all other family relationships, even to father and mom... sons and daughters. Discipleship is following Jesus to the cross and being willing to die for the faith. Like the woman in the first reading who was hospitable to the prophet, we also must take concrete steps to love those disciples Jesus places in our lives. Simple signs of hospitality and charity to other disciples are demanded by Jesus. And Jesus promises that when we treat other disciples of his with love and care we will be rewarded.

So, what practical application do these readings have for our lives? First, going to Mass on Saturday night or Sunday

is not enough for us as Catholics. Attending Mass is the first step to leading a life of holiness. But the second step is what we do in our daily lives. In our daily work, marriages, even our recreation, we have to live out this total commitment to God's plan. Every facet of our lives must be given over to God's reign. And because God's plan will oppose the world's beliefs and values, there will be conflict and persecution. It will demand the cross and sticking up for the Gospel values. Discipleship is never easy, but it is rewarding and will bring us life in this world and for all eternity.

~ Deacon Steve

### 2023 Mission Cooperation

This weekend we will welcome Fr. Henry Saw Lone as a missionary speaker at all of our Masses. Fr. Henry Saw Lone is a loaned priest and a missionary priest assigned by the Salina Diocese in our respective parishes for the 2023 Missionary Cooperative Plan.

The goal of his Mission appeal is aimed at financing pastoral activities to provide relief for refugees, pastoral activities such as giving the sacraments and teaching catechism in remote areas, building clinics, schools and providing clean water, food and medical care in rural areas in Taungngu Diocese, Myanmar. Your generosity makes it possible for these missionaries to bring Christ to the poor.

Blue envelopes for the Mission are located at the entrances for the missionary activities in Myanmar. Your kind welcome and generous support is most appreciated.

**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 and be a sign of mercy to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today.

**Perpetual Adoration Chapel openings:** Saturdays, 10pm; Sundays, noon and 5pm; and Tuesdays 12am. Contact Geri Rupp 785-639-5588.



"If we ever forget that we are one nation under GOD.. Then we will be a nation gone under." ...Ronald Reagan

*Happy Independence Day!*

**A different mindset Dementia Alzheimer's caregiver support group.** 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month, at 2:30pm for 1 hour. Learn more about these zoom meetings by emailing [maacarmstrong@gmail.com](mailto:maacarmstrong@gmail.com)

### EVENTS IN THE HEARTLAND

**Patriotic Rosary** - We will have a Patriotic Rosary on Independence Day at 1:00pm at St. Joseph's Church. Join us as we pray for our country.

**St. Joseph Cemetery maintenance staff** asks that all items not attached to the monuments, please be picked up by this Tuesday, July 4, so that the staff may begin mowing the cemetery. Any items left and not attached to the monument will be picked up and placed behind the storage shed at the cemetery. Thank you for your cooperation.



**First Friday Devotions:** Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration in Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be held on Friday, July 7 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church from 12 to 1pm.

**St. Nick's Knight of Columbus** is having a cash raffle with proceeds going to the two-car garage for a \$20 donation. 400 tickets will be sold. Nine cash prizes: \$1,000, \$500, \$500, and six \$250 drawing on Aug. 14. Tickets - contact Glen Gabel at 785-628-2120.

**Introducing the Hays CYO & Jr CYO Summer Treat Stands!** While we may no longer be in the fireworks business, we wanted to offer the Hays community a chance to make their Independence Day shopping more enjoyable. Stop by our two brand new locations for an exclusive treat, a cold drink, and more! We will have a snow cone machine located right outside the big red tent in the mall parking lot that you should all be familiar with. J-Day Displays offered Hays CYO a wonderful donation, and we are so thankful for their long-standing and continuous support of our program. But that's not all! We will also have a cotton candy machine located in the Love's parking lot near the Fireworks Unlimited tent. They heard about the loss of our previous fundraiser and graciously offered Hays CYO a donation in our time of need. So stop by our Treat Stands during the 4th of July holiday and purchase some yummys for the whole family! All proceeds go to Hays CYO and Jr CYO for our various mission trips and more. Be sure to also stop into J-Day Displays and Fireworks Unlimited and show our awesome donors some love too!



Art Wagner, Jr., Carol Legleiter, Special Intentions, Helen Werth, Becky Robben, Maya Gottschalk, Stan Herrmann, 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.*

**BIBLE REFLECTION ~ STEWARDSHIP GOAL**

*"...whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me." Matthew 10:38*

Pope Benedict XVI said "The world offers you comfort. But you were not made for comfort, you were made for greatness". "Comfort" puts me first. "Picking up your cross and following Jesus" puts God and others first. Why settle for comfort when you can achieve greatness! Pick up your cross, ask Jesus for guidance on using your gifts and live the life God intended for you!

**MEN'S RETREAT** - Men of the Salina Diocese - Please put August 12th on your calendars! Check our website for details <https://salinadiocese.org/office/family-life/mens-conference/>

**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.



**Are you traveling this summer** — on vacation, spending time at sporting events out of town, enjoying trips to the lake?

You can always find a Mass time and location near you. Call or visit.... 1-800-Mass-Times (1-800-MASS-TIMES) or <https://catholicmasstime.org/>

**CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS**



**HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY**

Rachel Wentling, Principal  
(785) 625-3131

June & July Office Open Tues - Thurs 9-12 & 1 - 4  
July 3 - 7 School Closed

**Holy Family Elementary has openings!**

For all grade levels!

Including part-time & full-time spots for Preschool (3-yr-old)  
Including part-time & full-time spots for Preschool (4-yr-old)

Call the office at 785-625-3131 or visit our website [www.hfehays.org](http://www.hfehays.org) to sign up your child on the "Prospective Family" tab!



**THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN**

Chad Meitner, Principal

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

June & July Office open Tuesday thru Thursday 9:00—noon and 1:00—4:00

**New JH Wing Open House on July 19th!**

6th Grade is coming to TMP-Marian Junior High! There is an open house on July 19 to show the new junior high wing and other areas of the school. This event is open to the public and is a come-and-go opportunity from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to check out the new hallway and classrooms! Enrollment for the 2023-24 school year is open for incoming 6th, 7th, and 8th graders.

Enrollment information will be available at this event. Come check out the latest in Catholic school education available to area families! Questions? Contact TMP-Marian at [office@tmpmarian.org](mailto:office@tmpmarian.org) or by calling 785-625-6577 between the hours of 8 a.m.- 3 p.m. weekdays.

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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.*



## NIGHT OF HEALING FAITH

“Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.” —James 5:14-16

**FRIDAY, JULY 14, 2023**

Father George Chalbham C.M.I. with Father Leo Blasi, Chaplain of the  
Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Movement in the Diocese of Salina

St John the Evangelist Catholic Church • 712 Broadway • Herington, KS 67449

5:30PM Mass • 6:00PM Exposition and Adoration / Confessions / Rosary

7:00PM Reposition and Healing Service for the Sick and those in Physical, Emotional, or Spiritual Need

*Light Refreshments and Conversation to Follow*

For more information, call (785) 366-6189



## NOVENA TO ST. ISIDORE THE FARMER FOR RAIN

### How to Pray the Novena

Begin with the Sign of the Cross. Read the daily scripture verse (and spend a few moments meditating on it). Pray the daily novena prayer followed by the prayer in honor of St. Isidore and the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be **three times** for the intention of the Holy Father. Conclude with the Prayer for Rain and the Sign of the Cross.

### Prayer in Honor of St. Isidore

O God, who taught Adam the simple art of tilling the soil, and who through Jesus Christ, the true vine, revealed Yourself the husbandman of our souls, deign, we pray, through the merits of Blessed Isidore, to instill into our hearts a horror of sin and a love of prayer, so that, working the soil in the sweat of our brow, we may enjoy eternal happiness in heaven. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Prayer for Rain

O God, in Whom we live and move, and have our being, grant us rain, in due abundance, that, being sufficiently helped with temporal, we may the more confidently seek after eternal gifts. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### FIRST DAY: PARTNERSHIP WITH GOD (Genesis 1:25 and 2:15)

**Prayer:** Grant, we beseech You, merciful Lord, through the intercession of Blessed Isidore, farmer and confessor, not to let us be vain with the wisdom of the world, but by his merits and example, let us in all humility always do what is pleasing to You. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### SECOND DAY: FAMILY LIFE IN CHRIST (Psalm 26:4-5)

**Prayer:** We offer the sacrifice of praise, O Lord, and humbly pray that through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin, Mother of God, and of St. Joseph, You may establish our families in peace and grace. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

**THIRD DAY:** *LOVE OF NEIGHBOR* (Romans 12:9-12)

**Prayer:** O God, You who make all things work together unto good for those who love You, give to our hearts an abiding love for You: so that the desires we conceive by Your inspiration may ever remain unchanged in spite of every temptation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**FOURTH DAY:** *DIGNITY OF WORK* (2 Thessalonians 3:8-12)

**Prayer:** O Lord, let us follow the blessed farmer Isidore's example of patience and humility, and walk so faithfully in his footsteps that by his intercession in the evening of life, we can offer You a rich harvest of merits and good works. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**FIFTH DAY:** *WALKING IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD* (1 Timothy 4:15-16)

**Prayer:** Breathe into our hearts, we beseech You, O Lord, a desire for heavenly glory, and grant that we may pass, bearing in our hands the sheaves of justice, to where the Blessed Isidore is resplendent with You in glory. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**SIXTH DAY:** *STEWARDSHIP OF THE SOIL* (James 5:7-10)

**Prayer:** Pour down Your blessing, we beseech You, O Lord, upon Your people, and upon all the fruits of the earth, so that when collected they may be mercifully distributed to the honor and glory of Your holy name. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**SEVENTH DAY:** *RURAL WORKS OF MERCY* (Matthew 6:19-20)

**Prayer:** May the grace of the Holy Spirit, we beseech You, O Lord, enlighten our hearts, and refresh them abundantly with the sweetness of perfect charity. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**EIGHTH DAY:** *TRUST IN PRAYER* (Philippians 4:4-7)

**Prayer:** O Lord Jesus Christ, Who has said: Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you; grant, we beseech You, to us Your supplicants, the gift of Your most divine love, so that we may love You with our whole heart and in all our words and works, and never cease praising You. Who live and reign world without end. Amen.

**NINTH DAY:** *SACRIFICE OF PRAISE* (Hebrews 10:12-14)

**Prayer:** Protect us, O Lord, who offer holocausts to You, and sear our hearts with the flame of Your divine charity, so that they may be ever more fervently prepared for sacrifice. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Saint Isidore, Pray for us!**