

# St. Francis of Assisi Church

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



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Kyle Jones 785-656-3007

## 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 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. May 28 8:00 am L/D Tony & Wilma Seib family  
 Wed. May 31 7:30 am +Martin Staab  
 Sun. June 4 8:00 am +Joseph & Clara Unrein  
 Wed. June 7 7:30 am +Mary Lou Pfannenstiel

**SERVERS**

Sunday, May 28 Rexton Leiker & Trenton Staley  
 Sunday, June 4 Alec Gerstner & Haley Gerstner

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Sun. May 28 Nathan L, Lauren M, Ken R, Michelle W.  
 Sun. June 4 Lilly B, Amy P, Glenn S, Rhonda S.

**LECTORS OFFERTORY GIFTS**

Sun. May 28 Natalie Oborny Ken & Peggy Richmeier  
 Sun. June 4 Ken Richmeier Kenny & Ann Pfannenstiel

**GREETERS**

Sunday, May 28 Brian Pfannenstiel  
 Sunday, June 4 Tony & Patty Rohr

**COLLECTION TEAM**

**Sunday, May 28**

Jason C, Ken R, Caleb S, Brandon Z.

**Sunday, June 4**

Aaron Dome, Jerry Gross, Mark Leiker, Gary Staab

**TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS**

Sunday, May 28 Ernie & Lilly Binder  
 Sunday, June 4 Linda Gross  
 Sunday, June 11 Tony & Patty Rohr  
 Sunday, June 18 Jeff & Wendy Richmeier

**Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure**

Envelopes \$1,756.00  
 Loose \$147.00  
**Total \$1,903.00**



**REFLECTION FROM DEACON STEVE URBAN**

**Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11**

**1 Corinthians 12: 3b-7, 12-13**

**John 20: 19-23**

The feast of Pentecost has always been one of my favorites. There is an energy or vitality about this celebration. It has been called the birthday of the Church, for the coming of the Spirit was given to the eleven apostles, Mary, some other women, and his brothers says the Act of the Apostles. Jesus told them to wait for the gift of the Holy Spirit so they were gathered in a house praying and listening. This energy that was given in the person of the Holy Spirit sets them on fire to go forth and spread the Gospel to all persons. In the Acts of the Apostles, this proclamation of the Good News takes the form of speaking in tongues or different languages. According to the Gospel of John, the Spirit sends them forth to bring forgiveness, healing, and peace to all persons. While this energy may seem like some spiritual high, it is not a mere feeling or emotion, but is a power that comes within our hearts, and that is given to us as a gift from God. It should be used not for our desires or to make us look better, but as God's very gift to bring about the furthering of his kingdom on earth. Let's gather in prayer asking that God send us his Holy Spirit, and we be open to the promptings of this Spirit.

In the Acts of the Apostles, we have Luke's version of the coming of the Spirit. Luke tells us that Jews from all over the world were gathered in Jerusalem for the Jewish feast of Pentecost. The Jewish feast of Pentecost was an early agricultural feast that celebrated the grain harvest. Later on, this celebration came to be associated with the giving of the law at Mount Sinai. If you remember, the Israelites celebrated the Passover and the freedom from Egypt by traveling seven weeks until they arrived at Sinai where God gifted them with the Law. Seven weeks is the time between our celebration of Easter and Pentecost. Also, in reformed Judaism the seven weeks between Passover and Pentecost is a time of religious education of young people who on Pentecost celebrate their acceptance of God's law. All these celebrations were a part of the background of Luke's understanding of the coming of the Holy Spirit. The apostles and the women were being formed as they waited for the Spirit and they broke forth with a boldness. There was also a big gathering of Jewish people who heard the apostles proclaim the Christian message, and this is like a harvest of spirits now brought forth by the third person of the Trinity. So, for us, we gather after seven weeks of hearing the Easter stories and mysteries, and are sent forth to proclaim God's wondrous deeds.

In Luke's version of the coming of the Holy Spirit, he separates the sending of the Holy Spirit by this seven-week timeframe. In John's Gospel which we hear today, the author has the resurrection and coming of the Spirit all take place on the same day. With the resurrection from the dead, Jesus released the power of the Holy Spirit and that Spirit is our gift. As Jesus makes his first appearance to the disciples on Easter, he gives them a new mission. That mission is to bring forgiveness and peace to all the world. He breathes into them the Holy Spirit and then

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commands them to go out and spread this healing and forgiveness to all. Just like at the beginning of creation when the Spirit hovered over the waters, this giving of the Spirit on Easter brings about a new creation in which forgiveness and mercy are the new signs of God's wondrous love.

It seems to me that this great energy of the feast of Pentecost is often overlooked or taken for granted. Christ's resurrection from the dead unleashes this powerful presence we call the Holy Spirit. This presence can be described using the symbols of wind and fire which Luke used to depict the coming of the Spirit in today's first reading. Wind and fire are often uncontrollable and have great energy and power. God's Spirit is powerful and often mysterious. It is uncontrollable because it is God. But if we allow that Spirit to take hold of our hearts, great things can happen. When the Spirit is allowed to take over our lives, we are sent out boldly to proclaim the Gospel. We are commissioned to go forth and forgive people and bring healing and reconciliation. Let's again gather in prayer, pleading for the gift of the Holy Spirit this Pentecost.

~ Deacon Steve



Lord send out Your Spirit and renew the Face of the Earth.

**Pastoral Council Nominees.** There are two vacancies that need to be filled. If you are interested in serving on the Council or would like to nominate someone, drop that information in the collection basket. Election will take place at Mass next Sunday, June 4th

**Patriotic Rosary** - We will have a Patriotic Rosary on Memorial Day at 1:00pm at St. Joseph's Church with prayers and patriotic hymns. After you have finished visiting the cemetery, stop by for the rosary and help us pray for our country.

**First Friday Devotions:** Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration in Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be held on Friday, June 2 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church from 12:00 to 1:00pm.

**Night of Healing Faith** on Friday, June 3 at St. Joseph Church with Fr. Rich Daise, Fr. Leo Blasi and Priests from the Diocese of Salina. Exposition, adoration, confessions and rosary at 6pm. Reposition and healing service for the sick and those in physical, emotional, or spiritual need at 7pm. Light refreshments and conversation to follow. For more information, call 785-625-7356.

**The Basilica of St. Fidelis in Victoria will hold their annual Fidelisfest on Saturday, June 3.** Mass at 4:00 p.m. followed by church tour. A German Wedding Dinner (wedding roast, stewed noodles, mashed potatoes & gravy, and vegetables) will be served from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Tickets: \$15 for adults, \$7 for children age 5-12, and free for children under 5 and can be purchased at the St. Fidelis Parish Office, 601 10th Street, or call 785-735-2777. A limited number of tickets will be sold at the door. There will also be a Keepsake Store, Bake Sale, Kids' Games, Beer & Brat Garden, and a Raffle Drawing (\$3,000 in prizes to be given away). In the evening there will be musical entertainment with a free dance.

*save the date*  
Bishop Vincke's **Year of Mercy Visit** here at St. Francis of Assisi will be Sunday, August 13th. His visit will include celebrating Mass, Anointing and Homebound Visits. We will also host a breakfast. This is an opportunity to show Bishop Vincke the vitality of our parish. *Make plans to attend.*

*Corpus Christi Procession*  
**Heartland Parishes Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession**  
St. Nicholas of Myra Parish is host of this year's Annual Heartland Parishes Corpus Christi Procession on Saturday, June 10, at 6pm. The vehicle procession will start at St. Nicholas Church and proceed to St. Joseph Church, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church and end at St. Nicholas Church. A bus will be provided for participants who don't want to drive. You are welcome to drive your vehicle in the procession. Daughters of Isabella, Knights of Columbus and all the faithful are invited to join us with Our Lord in the most holy Blessed Sacrament.

**PRAYER Requests**  
Rick Werth, 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.*

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION**  
"To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." 1 CORINTHIANS 12:7  
To receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit you must open your heart and invite Him in! Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your thoughts, words and actions every day! Be grateful for all the gifts God has given you! Regardless of our individual circumstances, God has given all of us many blessings. What we do with those gifts is our gift back to God! By generously sharing everything we have and everything we are, we become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered" and our lives truly reflect God's light, love and mercy.

**First Responders Appreciation BBQ**, Saturday, June 3, 2023 from 11:00am to 2:00pm. Sponsored by all Ellis County Knights of Columbus Councils. For all active and retired responders and their families. Frontier Park East shelter house. Serving hamburgers, hot dogs, brats and refreshments. Rain plan will be in the Activity Center.

**Registration is now open for the Bus Tour of Tour die Kapellen.** Limited number of seats are available. A deluxe Village Tours Bus will transport you to Catherine Church, The Basilica of St. Fidelis in Victoria, Holy Cross Church in Pfeifer, and St. Francis Church in Munjor. At each of these stops, locals will offer refreshments and snacks. Members of Hays Symphony will provide music at each church. On the bus, local guide, Jerry Braun, will provide a Volga-German history of each of these beautiful churches. At the end of the tour, participants are treated to a German meal, beverages and a polka band in Municipal Park. This tour is July 8, 2023. It is a benefit for the area's limestone churches and the Hays Symphony. The cost is \$75 per person. For more information and registration, visit <https://tourdiekapellen.com/>.

**PRAYER FOR MOISTURE:** 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 moisture 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.

**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

May 29– June 2 School Closed

June & July Office Open Tues - Thurs 9-12 & 1 - 4

**Holy Family Elementary is hiring! Join our team**

Preschool Teacher ~ Full-time Paraprofessional  
Part-time Paraprofessional

Call the office at 785-625-3131 or visit our website [www.hfehays.org](http://www.hfehays.org) for an application & more info!

**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

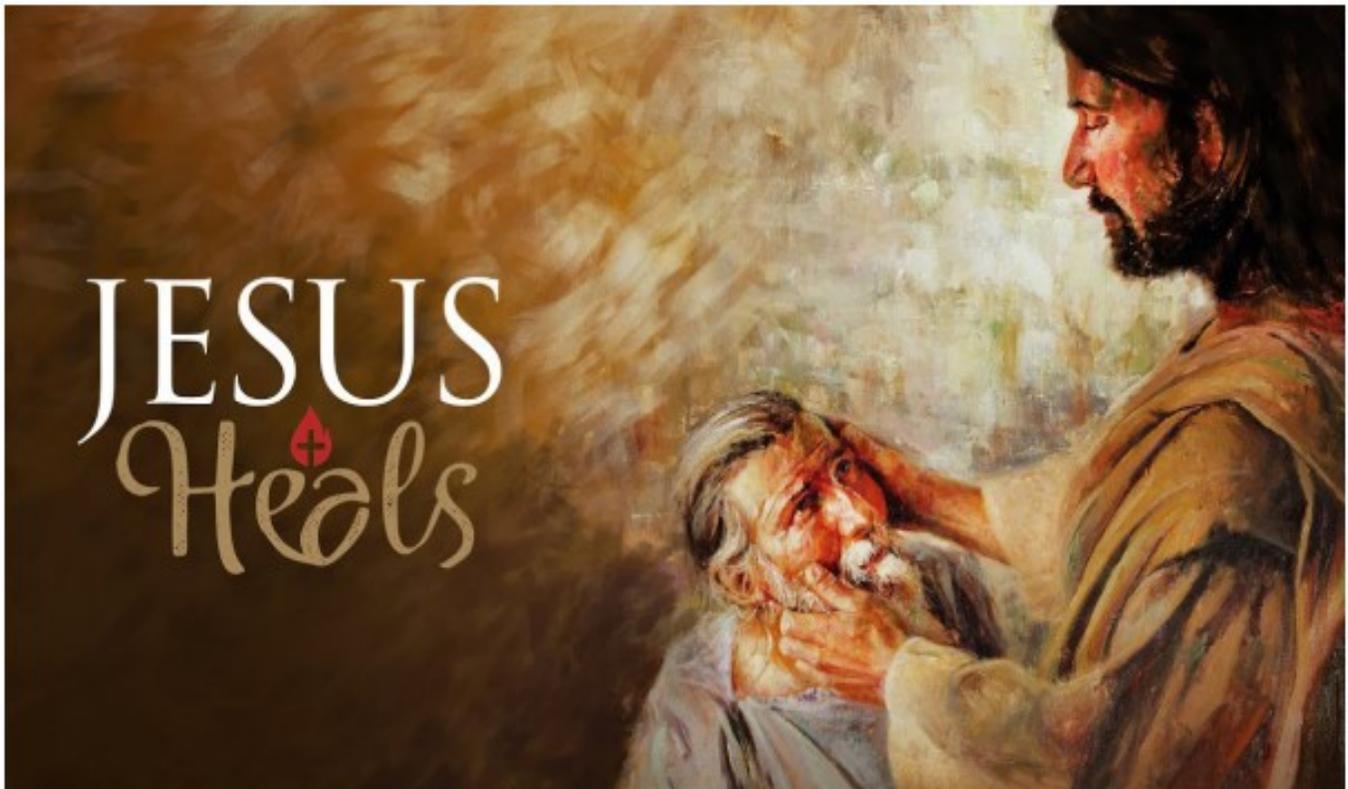
Bob Leikam, Jr. High Assistant Principal  
(785) 625-6577

May 30 6am - 7am HS Boys Summer Weights  
7am - 8am HS Girls Summer Weights 7:30am - 12pm Baseline Concussion Testing in Learning Commons  
8am - 9am JH Summer Weights  
9am - 10:30am JH Girls Basketball at Kennedy  
10am - 12pm JH Boys Basketball Camp  
10am - 11:30pm JH/HS Chess Practice

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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, JUNE 2, 2023**

Father Rich Daise with Father Leo Blasi and Priests from the Diocese of Salina

St Joseph Catholic Church • 215 W 13th Street • Hays, KS 67601

6:00 PM Exposition and Adoration / Confessions / Rosary

7:00 PM 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) 625-7356



## 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!**