

# St. Francis of Assisi Church

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

## PASTOR

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## PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

Lilly Binder 623-8000

## FINANCE/PASTORAL COUNCIL

### CHAIRPERSON

Ernie Binder 639-5314

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Joseph Pfannenstiel 259-2762

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Ann Pfannenstiel 628-8458  
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## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

### GRAND KNIGHT

Kevin Stramel 623-7107

## CHRISTIAN MOTHERS PRESIDENT

Michelle Werth 623-3003

## 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)





**MASS INTENTIONS**



Sun. Mar 21 8:00 am Verlin & Elaine Pfannenstiel  
 Wed. Mar 24 7:30 am +Alicia Brull  
 Sun. Mar 28 8:00 am L/D Frank & Pauline Younker family  
 Wed. Mar 31 7:30 am +Benjamin & Diana Dome

**SERVERS**

Sunday, Mar 21 Rexton Leiker & Daunte Younker  
 Sunday, Mar 28 Braydon Binder & Logan Leiker

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Sunday, Mar 21 Lauren Moeder & Wendy Richmeier  
 Sunday, Mar 28 Lilly Binder & Rhonda Stramel

**LECTORS**

Sunday, Mar 21 Joanne Steinert  
 Sunday, Mar 28 Brian Pfannenstiel & Jeanette Pfannenstiel

**COLLECTION TEAM**

**Sunday, March 21**

Jason Carter, Jeff Richmeier, Sid Steinert, Randy Werth

**Sunday, March 28**

Wilbert Gross, Brian & Kenny Pfannenstiel, Darold Younker

**TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS**

Sunday, Mar 21 Glenn & Rhonda Stramel  
 Sunday, Mar 28 Mark & Dora Leiker  
 Sunday, Apr 4 Ernie & Lilly Binder  
 Sunday, Apr 11 Jason & Rose Carter

**Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure**

Envelopes	\$1,010.00	Parish Supper	\$125.00
Loose	\$12.00	C.Rel Ser	\$135.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,282.00</b>		

Contributions can also be mailed to the Parish Office:  
 St. Francis Church  
 883 Moscow St.  
 Munjor, KS 67601

**REFLECTION FROM DEACON STEVE URBAN**

Jeremiah 31: 31-34  
 Hebrews 5: 7-9  
 John 12: 20-33

We often speak of the “heart of the matter” meaning what is the core or the crux of the situation. What’s the most important thing! We also say the “heart knows best”...implying that the core of our being determines who we are and what we do. The bottom line is what’s in our hearts defines who we are and the course of our actions. In today’s first reading from Jeremiah the prophet, God says the final covenant with his people Israel will be written on their hearts not on some stone. And in John’s Gospel Jesus speaks of “his hour” when he will be glorified. This most important hour speaks to the heart of his mission. This hour is when he will give his life on the cross, and then be raised up on the third day. For us the heart of who we are as Catholic Christians, the crux of the matter, is all about this dying and rising...the paschal mystery. And if we are to take to heart our faith, we must be willing to die to ourselves and rise to life in Christ.

Our first reading from the prophet Jeremiah is taken from what’s called the Book of Consolation chapters 30 to 33. In these three chapters, the prophet rekindles his people’s faith that God desires to love them and make them his own. God speaks tenderly to his people and tells them that he will release them from the bondage of captivity in Babylon and again make them his people. In today’s passage, God speaks about what Patricia Datchuck Sanchez calls in the “Word We Celebrate” an interiorization of the law. God wants to write the spirit of the law within the people of Israel. Because they had the law on the hearts they would now act or behave accordingly. We too, because of our baptism into Christ, have this law of love written in our hearts. If only we would rediscover the Spirit which God places within us. Then in John’s Gospel, some Greeks, non-believers, want to see Jesus. “To see” in John’s Gospel means more than using one’s eyes; it points to seeing or knowing with the heart. In other words, these Greeks want a relationship, a friendship with Jesus. It is then that Jesus lays out for all persons what his mission or “his hour” will entail. It requires a death like the grain of wheat falling into the ground only to produce much fruit. His “hour” and ours also demands a losing of our life to gain everlasting life.

So, we might ask ourselves have we taken to heart Jesus’ message? Have we interiorized the Gospel...inscribed it on our hearts? If we are serious about this, we know that to do that means some sort of dying...some type of suffering...some falling into the ground like the grain of wheat. And it is never a one-and-done decision. It requires a daily choice to die to selfishness and sin. Seeing our suffering and pain as a



way to resurrection and life in Christ is a lifelong struggle. What we do with our suffering says a great deal about our commitment to God. In our Lenten journey we can do all sorts of penances and give up all sorts of things. But when we face our sufferings and deal with the pain of our living that we go from mere surface to the heart of the matter. Father Richard Rohr says if we do not transform our pain we most assuredly transmit it. As we approach Holy Week and Jesus' passion, we too need to look at how we deal with the crosses that come our way. We pray that God will help us and guide us with his Spirit so we can die like that grain of wheat and produce great fruit. May God touch our hearts with his love!

~ Deacon Steve

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Will take place immediately following Mass this morning.



Christian Mothers Meeting:  
Following Mass this morning.

**Religious Formation:** No Class ~ Spring Break



STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
Friday 7:00 p.m.  
Need 3 volunteer servers.

**MUNJOR K OF C FISH FRY**



Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup> 5 – 7 pm in the Munjor School. Menu: Fish, Noodles & Beans, Grebble. TAKE OUT MEALS AVAILABLE.

> FREE WILL DONATIONS <

Bagged noodles for sale as well as a Bake Sale hosted by the Christian Mothers.

Fr. Damian we will be using a RELIC FROM THE TRUE CROSS (provided by our parish) for Veneration of the Cross for Good Friday services here and St. Nicholas of Myra.

**Blessed Candles:** At the entrances, there are baskets of used candles. These candles are blessed and were used at our Masses. Due to the length, we no longer use them for Mass. You are welcome to take them to be used in your home. Since they are blessed, they are to be used in a reverent manner.

God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking His mercy." --Pope Francis

**Holy Water and Ministries Returning:** Beginning on Easter Sunday, we will again be having Holy Water at the entrances, to be changed weekly. We will also have greeters and present offertory gifts. If you were on the previous rotation schedule and do not feel comfortable participating at this time, please let Lilly know.

The 2021 Bishop's Annual Appeal – CALL TO SHARE – is underway! We invite you to join in the mission of Jesus – to be a disciple who makes disciples through witnessing by faith, hope, and love. One way to join in that mission is through a financial gift. Thank you for your consideration! To learn more about the appeal, please visit <https://salinadiocese.org/office/development/bishops-annualappeal/>.



Special Intention, Ella Moeder, Bryson Werth, Stacy Dittmer, 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.*

**MARCH** – Modern Day Slavery demands our attention. Learn more about it by using the resources we offer. U.S. Catholic Sisters against Human Trafficking is a 501 © (3) organization ([sistersagainstrafficking.org](http://sistersagainstrafficking.org)), 2039 N Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131.



The **Divine Mercy Prayer Service** will be held at 3:00 p.m., Sunday, April 11, at IHM Church. The hour will include Eucharistic Exposition, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy in song, litany of prayers and meditation. Jesus entrusted Saint Maria Faustina with the task of spreading the message of his Divine Mercy through a series of visions and interior locutions in the 1930s. When Pope John Paul II canonized Saint Faustina April 30, 2000, he declared the Sunday after Easter to be Divine Mercy Sunday and an official feast day of the Church. Everyone is encouraged to pray the novena to the Divine Mercy, which begins on Good Friday. Leaflets on this novena are at the entrances of the church. **CONFESSIONS WILL BE HEARD BEGINNING AT 2 p.m.** This prayer service is sponsored by Divine Mercy Radio.

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**Catholic Relief Services Collection.** Funding from this collection goes to help Catholic parishes and diocese around the world to live out their Catholic faith. It focuses on innovative programs in agriculture, health, and emergency response. It partners with communities to develop solutions that will seek to end poverty, hunger, and diseases. Catholic Relief has become on the most trusted organizations to aid in disaster relief. Catholic Relief does not only aid in urgent needs and disasters abroad, but here at home as well. Please be generous to this collection as we advocate for the fairness and justice around the world to all our brothers and sisters who live-in poverty-stricken areas, who encounter unfair and inhumane conditions. Everyone deserves to live with human dignity and to strive to their full potential as child of God.

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Women of Grace with Johnette Williams affirming women through ongoing faith formation –10 am weekdays, except Fridays. 88.1 am 105.7 fm. Call in number 833-288-3986.

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Catholic Relief Services (CSR) ask for your help. Join fellow Catholics in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl at the entrances.

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THE DIOCESAN CHRISM MASS is at 11:30 A.M., Thursday, March 25, 2021. With the on-going Coronavirus pandemic, it will be reserved to priests and chancery staff only. For those unable to attend in person, the Chrism Mass will be live streamed on the diocesan website at [www.salinadiocese.org](http://www.salinadiocese.org).

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Daughter of Isabella are sponsoring the STARS and STRIPES BREAKFAST, Sunday, April 11, 2021 from 7:30 AM to 12:00 PM at the VFW-Hays. Tickets are Adults-\$9.50, Children-3.50 in advance. Tickets must be purchased in advance to benefit the organization. For tickets call: Janet 785-625-1168.

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

Relationships come with a price tag. We must be willing to entrust ourselves to another, to let go of our autonomy and die to our independence. It is in dying to our independence that we find interdependence with others.

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**CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS**

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**HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY**  
Rachel Wentling, Principal  
625-3131

March 22-26 NO SCHOOL ~ SPRING BREAK  
March 29 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Gr. Reconciliation, 1:00 p.m.  
March 31 4<sup>th</sup> Gr. Field Trip to the Cosmosphere  
April 1-5 NO SCHOOL ~ EASTER BREAK

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**THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN**

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

*ACE 2021 - Monarch Court Banquet*

Reservations are still available to the Monarch Court Banquet. This special “watch party” is limited to 200 guests and will take place in Al Billinger Fieldhouse on Sat, April 24<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:30 PM. The auction is fully online, this in-person VIP event will feature table service of a full catered meal, open bar and assistance with online bidding. Guests will be eligible to win \$1500 in prizes sponsored by Jeff and Melissa Pinkney, Mike and Lori Hertel and the Glassman Corporation! At the end of the evening, the famous cinnamon will be served and winning bidders will be able to pick-up their items. Tickets for the Monarch Court Banquet are available for \$300/couple or \$150 per person. Contact the Alumni office at TMP-Marian at [alumni@tmpmarian.org](mailto:alumni@tmpmarian.org) or 625-9434. All proceeds benefit the operations of TMP-M and Holy Family Elementary. This event is subject to cancellation based on safety precautions and ticket cost will be placed on the bidders account at the conclusion of the auction.

The 2021-22 Stewardship Renewal Form is available online at <https://www.tmp-m.org/2021stewardship/>. This form is required by all families enrolling in Catholic schools for the 21-22 school year and is in addition to parish stewardship forms. This contains options available to support the Catholic schools with your gifts of time, talent and treasure. Forms are due by May 1, 2021.

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God's help is only a prayer away.

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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.*