

# St. Francis of Assisi Church

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



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Lilly Binder 623-8000

## FINANCE/PASTORAL COUNCIL

### CHAIRPERSON

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## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

### GRAND KNIGHT

Kevin Stramel 623-7107

## CHRISTIAN MOTHERS PRESIDENT

Jane Younger 259-3374

## 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. Jan 16 8:00 am L/D Joe & Rose Gross family  
 Wed. Jan 19 7:30 am L/D Mark & Dora Leiker family  
 Sun. Jan 23 8:00 am L/D Tony & Vera Rohr family  
 Wed. Jan 12 7:30 am +Albert & Felicitas Zimmerman

**SERVERS**

Sunday, Jan 16 Cali Richmeier & Rafe Richmeier  
 Sunday, Jan 23 Benjamin Dome & Logan Leiker

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Sunday, Jan 16 Ken & Peggy Richmeier  
 Sunday, Jan 23 Jenalyn Leiker & Lauren Moeder

**LECTORS**

**OFFERTORY GIFTS**

Sun. Jan 16 Brian Pfannenstiel Rich & Sherri Ruder  
 Sun. Jan 23 Jeanette Pfannenstiel Tony & Patty Rohr

**GREETERS**

Sunday, Jan 16 Joe & Mindy Pfannenstiel  
 Sunday, Jan 23 Kenny & Ann Pfannenstiel

**COLLECTION TEAM**

**Sunday, January 16**

Ernie Binder, John Moeder, Tony Staley, Darold Younker

**Sunday, January 23**

Wilbert Gross, Larry Koirth, Josh Waddell, Neal Younger

**TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS**

Sunday, Jan 16 Ken & Peggy Richmeier  
 Sunday, Jan 23 Aaron & Kolleen Dome  
 Sunday, Jan 30 Randy & Michelle Werth  
 Sunday, Feb 6 Glenn & Rhonda Stramel

**Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure**

Envelopes \$8,035.00  
 Loose \$76.00  
 Candles \$16.00  
**Total \$8,127.00**



**REFLECTION FROM DEACON STEVE URBAN**

Isaiah 62:1-5  
 1 Corinthians 12: 4-11  
 John 2: 1-11

Many of you can remember the big German weddings of the past. These were day-long events that consisted of Mass mid-morning, a big festive meal at lunch, dancing and drinking throughout the afternoon, another meal for supper, and then dancing and partying until midnight or later. This nuptial celebration was an abundance of eating, drinking, dancing, and singing that involved lots of people, sometimes entire communities. This abundance, and sometimes overabundance, speaks to the first reading from Isaiah and the Gospel from John. In the first reading, God blesses his people with an abundance of mercy and grace after their returning from exile in Babylon. In the Gospel, Jesus reveals himself as the new wine of salvation and replaces the old laws of purification and ablution. Jesus is the new plenitude of the Father's love and mercy that supersedes anything in the old law. As we begin this new year, we need to turn to Jesus and experience in our lives the great wealth of his mercy and love.

The first reading today speaks of vindication and the reconciliation for God's people after they return to their homeland. Being in captivity for 70 years or so, the people return to their homeland and find it in ruins. Isaiah or Trito-Isaiah, the name given to the author of this section of the book, has the huge task of restoring hope to God's people. He uses three images to portray God's forgiveness and grace in bringing Israel out of captivity. First, he says Israel is now a diadem or a crown worn by a king. Next, he describes Israel's restored relationship to God as if she, Israel, were given a new name. No longer called "Forsaken" or "Desolate", now God speaks words of endearment and tenderness and calls Israel, "My Delight". Finally, Isaiah says God loves his people with the fidelity that a bride and groom have for each other. God is filled with passion and tenderness for his people.

The Gospel today for the Second Sunday of Ordinary time is not from Luke in which most of the readings will be for this liturgical year. Instead, we hear from the Gospel of John and the wonderful story of the wedding feast at Cana. There are lots of levels of meanings in this pericope, but the most important is that Jesus comes to supersede the old laws of purification with the new wine of his love revealed through his life, death, and resurrection. The clue to understanding this passage is the six stone jars which represent the old Jewish laws of purification. Jewish law required

Sunday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022 ~ Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Israelites to cleanse themselves before and after meals, and the water from these jars was for this specific purpose. Jesus replaces the old laws with the wine of himself. Jesus fills the jars to the brim with not water, but water now made wine. And each jar held 120 gallons of wine. Six jars each holding 120 gallons would truly be an extravagance, and that was the point John, the evangelist, wanted to make. Jesus' wine of self-giving was greater than anything ever seen. In the new nuptial banquet, Jesus was to be the abundance of goodness and love flowing from the Father.

As we begin this new year, God speaks to us through these readings and tells us of his great love. In Jesus' coming as a human person and taking on our human nature, God has married himself to us. God wants to give himself passionately to us. He calls us to great tenderness and fidelity. God wants to give himself in ways far beyond what we can imagine. He abundantly bestows himself and his grace on us, but we are afraid and reluctant to give in to his great love. If in the past we considered ourselves unworthy of his love, He wants to change all that by showing us how much he wants a relationship with us. His love is truly a fine wine that makes our lives meaningful and rich.

~ *Deacon Steve*

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**UPCOMING IN JANUARY:**

Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> – Pastoral Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.  
Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> – K of C Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

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**Religious Education:** Wednesday 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

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Months with five Sunday's, the K of C will be accepting non-perishable food items for the St. Joseph's Food Pantry. These donations are used to fill a serious need in our area. Please be generous. Next Sunday we will have the grocery bags available to be returned Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup>

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**Word of God Sunday**

Everyone is invited to an hour-long celebration entitled "Encounter the Word" on Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, at Holy Cross Church in Pfeifer at 2 PM. There will be music and song, proclamation and still-life dramatization of Scriptures about Scriptures, respective teachings by Father Reggie Urban, a semi-retired priest of the Dodge City Diocese living in Hays, preaching by Sister Francine Schwarzenberger (Order of Preachers) from the Dominican Convent in Great Bend, and witnessing by Michelle Rondeau, a member of Prince of Peace Parish in Great

Bend. Bibles and books about the Bible will be for sale. Bring your Bible to be dedicated. A reception will follow in the grade-school next to the church. This is being done in honor of the Apostolic Letter, "He Opened to Them", by Pope Francis regarding the celebration, study, and distribution of the Scriptures.



**Polka & Popcorn**

Who: Wes Windholz

When: January 23<sup>rd</sup> 1-3p.m.

Where: St. Nicholas of Myra Parish Hall

Snacks and drinks provided.

EVEYONE WELCOME!



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Daughters of Isabella sponsors bingo at Heritage Bingo, 114 East 12<sup>th</sup>, on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays of each month. Doors open at 5:30pm. Please come! Your support is appreciated.



**Storm Recovery:** Our prayers remain with the many in our diocese whose lives have been deeply impacted by the recent fires and windstorms. Catholic Charities is here to assist with recovery efforts. If you wish to help those impacted by these events, the best way to help is by donating to the Catholic Charities Local Disaster Relief Fund at [www.ccnks.org/disasterfund](http://www.ccnks.org/disasterfund) or mail donations to:

**Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas  
c/o Disaster Relief Fund  
PO Box 1366  
Salina, KS 67402-1366**

Please write Disaster Relief Fund in the memo line. All donations will assist with disaster recovery efforts in the 31 counties of our diocese.



Dolores Pfannenstiel, Theo Leiker, Special Intentions, Mike Suppes, 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.*

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**Gorham D of I Soup Supper ~ Sunday, Jan 30<sup>th</sup>**

10:30 – 1:30 p.m. *Menu:* Chili, Green Bean Dumpling, Chicken Noodle. Homemade bread, pies, desserts.  
Adults \$8; 5-10 years \$4; under 4 Free  
\$10.00 quart carry outs.  
Senior Center Gorham.





Any allegation of the abuse of a minor, may be reported to the Kansas Protection Report Center 800.922.5330 KBI Crime Hotline 800.572.7463 or [ClergyAbuse@kbi.ks.gov](mailto:ClergyAbuse@kbi.ks.gov)

The Diocese of Salina fully participates in all criminal investigations related to abuse perpetrated by a member of the clergy or other church official. For the safety of children and healing of those who have suffered abuse, the Diocese of Salina provides Hotline: 866.752.8855 #1067 Website:

[www.reportandprotect.com](http://www.reportandprotect.com)

Email: [reportabuse@salinadiocese.org](mailto:reportabuse@salinadiocese.org)

Reports will be responded to promptly by the Victim Assistance Coordinator Safe Environment Office Diocese of Salina. To report an incident of sexual abuse and related misconduct by a Bishop or Religious Superior currently or in the past, the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Services provides

Hotline: 800.276.1562 Website: [reportbishopabuse.org](http://reportbishopabuse.org)

All reports are confidential with the exception of those involving the abuse of minors which will be immediately reported by the diocese to the proper authorities, as required by Kansas State Law and Diocesan Policy.

*"Rescue me, Lord, from my foes,  
for I seek refuge in you." - Psalm 143:9  
Safe Environment Office – Diocese of Salina (7-2020)*



## THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN

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

Monarch 4 a Day. Come visit TMP-M 5th and 6th graders from any school or town are welcome to spend a morning at TMP- Marian to be a Monarch for a Day.

Jan. 14 – 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> graders

Jan. 21 – 5<sup>th</sup> graders

Learn about the technologies, active learning, and social events at the school. See how living a life of faith can change lives. Students stay from 8-noon. Lunch is included. TMP will return students back to their current schools. School transportation is available upon request for arrival or dismissal. Register or get further details by emailing Mrs. Melissa Schoepf at [schoepfm@tmpmarian.org](mailto:schoepfm@tmpmarian.org). Plus, all students are welcome to attend the TMP-M vs. Sacred Heart basketball game on Jan. 7, starting at 4:30pm. It's free admission and includes free popcorn and a pop. Bring whomever you want!

Still Seeking a Custodian / Maintenance Employee TMP-Marian Jr/Sr High School is currently looking for a maintenance employee to assist in the cleaning and maintaining of the school. Interested candidates should contact Tom Kisner, Operations Director, by email at [kisnert@tmpmarian.org](mailto:kisnert@tmpmarian.org) or by phone at 785-625-6577.

### HCS Advancement/Alumni Position Open

The Hays Catholic Schools Advancement Office is looking for an individual to join our team to assist with the many happenings of the office such as fundraising campaigns, data entry, customer service, and events. Interested candidates should send cover letter and resume to Troy Ruda at [rudat@tmpmarian.org](mailto:rudat@tmpmarian.org). The full job description can be found at [www.hayscatholicschools.org/page/advancement-careers](http://www.hayscatholicschools.org/page/advancement-careers)

### Help Build the Way

TMP-Marian is in the process of raising funds to replace the south steps to the main building. Donors to this project of \$1000, \$500, or \$250 will have a stone engraved for them in a new courtyard surrounding the statue of St. Joseph. Contact the Advancement Office at [advancement@tmpmarian.org](mailto:advancement@tmpmarian.org) for more information or secure your stone today at [www.hayscatholicschools.org/page/brickproject](http://www.hayscatholicschools.org/page/brickproject)

## CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



### HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Rachel Wentling, Principal  
625-3131

HFE Annual Chili Supper & Bazaar Sunday, Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>, 4 to 7pm Holy Family Elementary School. We invite you to attend our Chili Supper & Bazaar! Come join us for a delicious meal of chili, hot chicken sandwiches on homemade buns, relishes, your choice of cinnamon roll, pie, brownie (or sugar-free options). Meal tickets are \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children (ages 4-12). Children 3 and under eat free!

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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.*