

# St. Francis of Assisi Church

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



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## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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Kyle Jones 785-656-3007

## CHRISTIAN MOTHERS PRESIDENT

Jane Younger 785-259-3374

## 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 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. Aug 27 8:00 am +Norbert, Betty, Brandon Leiker  
 Wed. Aug 30 7:30 am +Charles & Kathleen Evans  
 Sun. Sept 3 8:00 am +Donald P. Werth  
 Wed. Sept 6 7:30 am +Nick & Almeda Stecklein

**SERVERS**

Sunday, Aug 27 Cali Richmeier & Rafe Richmeier  
 Sunday, Sept 3 Ahnalyn Leiker & Reylyn Leiker

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Sun. Aug 27 John M, Wendy R, Tina W, Michelle W.  
 Sun. Sept 3 Jenalyn L, Nathan L, Amy P, Bea S.

**LECTORS OFFERTORY GIFTS**

Sun. Aug 27 Nathan Leiker Linda Gross  
 Sun. Sept 3 Natalie Oborny Wilbert Gross

**GREETERS**

Sunday, Aug 27 Jessica & Luca Albers  
 Sunday, Sept 3 Jason & Rose Carter

**COLLECTION TEAM**

**Sunday, August 27**

Jason Carter, Rexton Leiker, Donovan Richmeier, Darold Younker

**Sunday, September 3**

Ernie Binder, John Moeder, Brian Pfannenstiel, Rich Ruder

**TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS**

Sunday, August 27 Tony & Patty Rohr  
 Sunday, September 3 Jeff & Wendy Richmeier  
 Sunday, September 10 Aaron & Kolleen Dome  
 Sunday, September 17 Ken & Peggy Richmeier

**Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure**

Envelopes \$1,970.00  
 Loose \$74.00  
**Total \$2,044.00**



**FROM THE DESK OF FATHER DAMIAN**

New Wedding Ritual  
 The Power of Music

Music is vital to worship. Music helps us give praise to God and to hear God's message to us.

This is not done with just any type of music. Secular music is designed to distract and to entertain. It is not designed to pull us out of ourselves or to focus us on Christ.

We use Sacred Music for the Mass and for the Sacrament of Marriage. Sacred Music unites us in love of God. "He who sings prays twice," St. Augustine says. Sacred Music helps us put words around our deepest thoughts and prayers. "For we do not know how we ought to pray, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groans too deep for words" as Paul tells us in Romans 8:26.

This is true at a Sunday Mass. It is especially true at a Wedding.

To begin a life together is a serious thing. A Bride & Groom know they need the grace of the Sacrament to begin this great endeavor of life. We need the prayers of our family, our friends and our parish so that the foundation of our married life can be strong.

Secular songs were not built to hold the sacred work of intercession and petition that needs to be done as a couple unites themselves before the Altar.

But Sacred Music was. Sacred Music can lift up the couples hopes and fears to God. It can ask for Our Holy Mother to pray for them as they bring their life together. It can let us know that God blesses this marriage.

*Fr. Damian*



**Coffee, rolls and conversation** following Mass next Sunday hosted by the Christian Mothers.



**Seed Wheat Blessing** will take place on Sunday, September 10.

*"Everything, even sweeping, scraping vegetables, weeding a garden and waiting on the sick could be a prayer if it were offered to God."*

*—St. Martin de Porres*

EVENTS IN THE HEARTLAND

**CANDLES:** The candles for purchase for home use are no longer available here at church. [Messenger Catholic Store in Hays](#) does carry them and will always have some blessed ones for purchase.

**Religious Formation:** Classes will begin Wednesday, September 13th.

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

Like Jesus in today's gospel, we are seen by others in different ways. Perhaps the name our family gives us is closest to our true identity. They know us best. Who do they say you are?

**Is God putting into your heart the desire to become a Catholic?** Do you feel the call to join the Catholic Church? This process of formation will begin on Thursday, Sept. 7, at 6:30pm, in the St. Nicholas Parish Activity Center. For more info contact Deacon Steve at [urbs57@gmail.com](mailto:urbs57@gmail.com) or call 785.650.2931. You must register in advance before the Sept. 7th date.

**Hospice Volunteer Training** Wednesday, September 20th 83:30 am - 4:30 pm at HaysMed. Registration is due by Friday, September 8, 2023. Contact Hospice of Hays Medical Center 785-623-5000

**The St. Mary's Knights of Columbus Council & Bishop Cunningham Assembly** will be having a combined **Family Picnic** on Sunday, August 27th from 5:00 to 7:00pm in the IHM Activity Center. The Knights will be providing the chicken and drinks. We ask that members please bring a side dish or dessert.



**First Friday Devotions:** Devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus are every First Friday of the month at Noon. Adoration, Litanies, prayers, hymns to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and concluding with Benediction. Held at St. Joseph Church on Friday, September 1st.




**Divine Mercy Radio's 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Appreciation Banquet** will take place in two locations: 6pm, Sat., Sept. 9, at The Rose Garden Banquet Hall Hays and 5pm, Sun. Sept. 10, in the Hall of Bishops, Sacred Heart Cathedral, Salina. Cost is \$55 if purchased before Aug. 20. After Aug. 20, if tickets are still available, the cost is \$60. The cost includes appetizers and adult beverages. guest speakers are the humorous Jack Williams, director of programming on EWTN Radio, and his beautiful wife, Johnnette, who founded Women of Grace Ministries with a television and radio show on EWTN.

To purchase tickets, send your check, along with which banquet you will attend (Hays or Salina). If attending in Salina, please indicate if you wish to have steak or chicken. Banquet Reservations Divine Mercy Radio 108 E. 12<sup>th</sup> St. Hays, KS 67601 785.621.4110 or visit [dvmercy.com](http://dvmercy.com). **No tickets sold after Sept. 1. Sorry!**

**Stars & Stripes Breakfast** at the VFW 22nd & Vine, Hays on Sunday, Sept. 10, from 7:30am - 12:00pm. Tickets - Adults \$10.50/Children \$5.50 All you can eat! Tickets: St. Joseph Church (Kevin Rupp) 785-625-7356, Larry Reichert 785-625-5386, Elmer Dreher 785-625-6353 A portion of the pre-sold tickets go to help the local Sunflower Chapter of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia.

**The St. Nicholas of Myra Knights of Columbus** invite you to their Annual Steak Dinner, on Saturday, September 23rd. Social hour at 6pm, dinner at 6:45. Menu: Ribeye Steak (10-12 oz) or Honey Pecan Chicken with baked potato, vegetable, bread, salad and dessert. \$25 per ticket. Take-out orders available. Contact Glenn Gabel at 785-628-2120 or Kyle Normandin at 785-623-0580

 Kenny Pfannenstiel, Marilyn Pfannenstiel, Carol Legleiter, Special Intentions, Helen Werth, Becky Robben, Maya Gottschalk, 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**  
*"Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?"-Romans 11:35*  
St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give God anything - He already owns it all. God made everything, including us. Since we are made in His image, we too, are called to be generous. How we use our God-given gifts becomes our gift back to Him. Gratitude for all we have been given opens our hearts to joyful generosity! And, through our generosity, we just may be the answer to someone else's prayer.

**August** – Are you aware of trafficking in your state? Do you know your state laws that protect victims? Invite a member of your state legislature to talk about laws or a state patrolman to share his/her experiences with trafficking. U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking is a 501 c (3) organization, 2039 N Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131 (sistersagainstrafficking.org)

**The St. Joseph Food Pantry and Diaper Closet** is open the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month from 9:00am - Noon in the parish school building (old Kennedy School). The food pantry is in need of these items: canned vegetables, all varieties, Protein items, and Ramon noodles. Please go to doors 25 & 26 and place these items in the wooden bins right inside the doors. If you know of any families that are in need of diapers, please have them come to the Diaper Closet on the 1st Saturday of the month.

**Diocesan Anniversary Masses 2023** Bishop Vincke & the Diocese of Salina wish to honor all couples celebrating their 1st wedding Anniversary & all other wedding anniversaries ending in 0 or 5 and any anniversaries over 70 years in 2023. Sunday, October 15th at 3PM Sacred Heart Cathedral, Salina, Kansas Sunday, October 29th at 3PM St. Nicholas of Myra, Hays, Kansas You may register now to attend by going to the link below or you can call the parish office and we can assist with your registration. No cost to attend. <https://salinadiocese.org/office/family-life>

**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.*

CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



**HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY**

Rachel Wentling, Principal  
(785) 625-3131

- Sept 4 NO SCHOOL
- Sept 6 Precious Creations & HFE 25th Anniversary Ribbon Cutting at 9:00 am
- Sept 8 Mass at 8:00 with Bishop Vincke
- Sept 11 Home & School Meeting 7:00 pm

You can support HFE by recycling your aluminum cans in our trailer across the street North of the school/church in the small gravel parking lot on 19th! Simply bring by a trash bag of them to drop off anytime! We can give your pull-tabs to HHS to support the Ronald McDonald Houses of America! Thanks for your continued support!



**THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN**

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

- Aug 30 Fall Sports Pictures 3:30 pm
- Sept 1 School Picture Day—Formal Dress HS  
Fall Sports Pictures 3:30 pm

For more information you can check the TMP-Marian website under the Google Calendar for the latest updates from the school.

**Theotokos Catholic Homeschool Co-Op**

If you have questions or need to rsvp (all events require RSVP) contact Samantha Baker 785.639.3285 or [14sjbaker@gmail.com](mailto:14sjbaker@gmail.com) Find us on Facebook!

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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.*