

# 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. April 23	8:00 am	+Alicia Brull
Wed. April 26	7:30 am	+Katie Leiker
Sun. April 30	8:00 am	+Dan Pfeifer
Wed. May 3	7:30 am	+Brandon Leiker

**SERVERS**

Sunday, April 23	Cali Richmeier & Rafe Richmeier
Sunday, April 30	Makailyn Leiker & Trenton Staley

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Sun. April 23	Lilly B, Glenn S, Rhonda S, Tina W.
Sun. April 30	John M, Lauren M, Ken R, Josh W.

**LECTORS                      OFFERTORY GIFTS**

Sun. Apr 23	Gene Gottschalk	Ken & Peggy Richmeier
Sun. Apr 30	Nathan Leiker	K of C Members

**GREETERS**

Sunday, April 23	Kenny & Ann Pfannenstiel
Sunday, April 30	K of C Members

**COLLECTION TEAM**

**Sunday, April 23**

Kyle Jones, John Moeder, Jeff Richmeier, Josh Waddell

**Sunday, April 30**

Wilbert Gross, David Leiker, Blake Spencer, Tony Staley

**TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS**

Sunday, April 23	Ken & Peggy Richmeier
Sunday, April 30	Deanna Leiker
Sunday, May 7	Mark & Dora Leiker
Sunday, May 14	Jason & Rose Carter

**Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure**

Envelopes	\$3,770.00
Loose	\$57.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,827.50</b>



**My Stewardship Testimony**  
**Time**

*By Father Nick Parker, Pastor Immaculate Heart of Mary*

I will be sharing my own story of Stewardship, focusing particularly upon time, talent, and treasure respectively. This week, I will begin with the first element of Stewardship – time.

Time, regarding Stewardship, is specifically understood as time in prayer. This is the first part of Stewardship because it is the most important and most essential way we live as stewards.

Although prayer has always been a part of my life, I would *strongly* state that very little credit is due to myself. I would begin by giving most of the credit to my parents. I grew up in a normal Catholic home with an older brother and a younger sister. From as early as I can remember, prayer has been a part of our lives. Every night when we were little, my parents would come into our bedrooms before we turned out the lights to say our prayers. Normally it was something simple, like, “Dear God, thank you for this day. Please let me have a good day tomorrow. Please bless mommy and daddy, and grandma and grandpa, Chester (our dog), all our friends, and please let me have a pony. Amen.” Then, as we got older, our parents entrusted us to say our prayers on our own. It was simple, but it very much instilled a habit. In fact, to this day, I find it very difficult to sleep at night if I have not done my prayers.

Mass is also something that was engrained in our regular routine. We attended Mass every week. My mother would wake us up at least an hour to an hour and a half early to get ready. She, herself, was often awake by 8:00 a.m. to make sure everyone was ready for 10:30 a.m. Mass. I do remember one time, however, in which our alarms didn’t go off, and the family woke up shortly before 10:00 a.m. Initially we were a bit distressed that we wouldn’t make it to Mass on time. However, my whole family went into panic mode, and we learned that, although we were not as presentable as usual, we still could all get around in 25 minutes if we had to.

When I finally left home and went to college, I attended Fort Hays State University. Here, I was quite fortunate, as on my first day I was invited to an event at the Comeau Catholic Campus Center. It was there that I met some of the best friends I have ever had in my life. I can easily say, without these friends to support me in my prayer, I do not know where I would be today. My friends were always the kind to encourage and support each other in going to Mass (often times daily), take part in Eucharistic Adoration, pray the Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and all around continue to grow in the faith. Honestly, I give much credit to the foundation of my parents, and the continued support of my friends, for my eventually being able to know my call to the priesthood.

Of course, the seminary was full of prayer. It is odd, though, that through all this, I believe my greatest struggle with time in prayer didn’t occur until I was ordained a priest.

I won’t bore you with all the details, but let’s just say that priests are often quite busy; in fact, priests often wish we were able to do more than what in reality can physically be done. Along with that, there are daily expectations of priests regard to prayer; in fact, some of these daily “expectations” are actually part of our promises at ordination. With this, it is a common temptation – with the work that needs to be done, and the inability to do it all,

something has to give. And the first thing to go is the easiest thing to let go – prayer! Unfortunately, the easiest thing to let go is also the most essential.

Many years ago, though, I was fortunate enough to have a very good spiritual director. As I was telling him my struggles, he told me, “Make sure you do not become so focused on the work of the Lord, that you forget the Lord of the work.” Along with that, St. Francis de Sales once said, “Every Christian needs a half-hour of prayer each day, except when he is busy, then he needs an hour.” I must admit, finding proper time for prayer can still be a challenge. Nonetheless, even though I always want to do the work of the Lord, I know that I can never truly and fully do this unless I am diligent in making time for the Lord of the work.

I suppose if I were to give some brief morals to this, I would state the following: 1) Family is where the prayer life begins. I will always be grateful for my family in giving me this foundation. 2) Prayer is not easy on one’s own. I will always be grateful for my friends and fellow priests who continue to support me in this. 3) Prayer is most essential if we truly wish to follow the will of the Lord. *Especialy* when days are full, times are difficult, and prayer is challenge, these are often the times in which we need prayer the most.

*Fr. Nick Parker*

**Religious Education:** Wednesday 6:30 pm  
Last Class Wednesday, May 3rd

**K of C meeting,** Monday, April 24 7:00 p.m.



**Blessing of Farms:** In honor of St. Isidore, patron saint of farmers and rural communities, Father Damian will bless farms upon request. Please contact Father to schedule your farm blessing.

*St. Isidore Feast Day is May 15th.*

**Stewardship Renewal Forms: 47% have been returned. Are you part of the 47%?** It is not too late to turn your forms in, if you have not already done so. ***What gifts of time, talent and treasure will you share?***

#### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

*“Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the scriptures?” LUKE 24:32*

How often do you take the time to discern what Jesus is calling you to do with your life? Are your prayers always petitions, asking Jesus to do things for you? If so, that’s a one-sided relationship. Living our faith means developing a personal relationship with Jesus. Just like any friendship, there is give and take, each side listening to each other and helping each other out. Take time, in silence, to listen to what Jesus is asking of you today.



Matt Shorman, 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.*

#### EVENTS IN THE HEARTLAND

##### “Holiness is Not for Wimps” ...*Mother Angelica*

Tune into Divine Mercy Radio’s spring care-a-thon April 25-28 where we will celebrate Mother Angelica – born 100 years ago on April 20.

##### Tuesday, April 25

7 am – Fr. Fred Gatschet

8 am – Fr. Andy Hammeke – Pilgrimage Camino de Santiago  
9am – Josh Waddell – Building Faith on the Foundation  
10 am – Fr. Joseph Mary Wolfe – Stories of Mother Angelica  
1 pm – Doug Keck – Mother Angelica & My Role at EWTN  
2 pm – Fr. Damian Richards  
4 pm – Kelton & Jill Stecklein – Experiencing the Call

##### Wednesday, April 26

7 am – George Toman – Holiness through Mass Postures  
8 am – Mason Ruder – Development Director TMP-Marian  
9 am – Dave Vangeresse – My Life with Mother Angelica  
5 pm – Goeff Andrews – Update on Diocesan Catholic Schools

##### Thursday, April 27

7 am – Bill Meagher

4 pm – Sr. Mary Agnes – Vocation Story

##### Friday, April 28

7 am – Fr. Gale Hammerschmidt  
2 pm – Christian Lutz & Cory Munsch – Catholic Tools for Temptation  
3 pm – Bishop Gerald Vincke  
4 pm – Fr. Joshua Werth – Dangers of Freemasonry  
5 pm – Chris Dinkel & Teresa Schrant – Reminiscing through Teaching Career

Full schedule at [dvmercy.com](http://dvmercy.com). For trivia and pledges call 785-621-4110. Listen on radio, computer, phone app or Alexa. Live on Rumble, Facebook and YouTube.

**The Sunflower Polka Club** is hosting a Polka event on Sun, April 30, Wes Windholz Band will play from 2 to 5pm, at the Hays VFW Hall. \$10.00 for non-members, open to the public. Put on your dancing shoes and join the fun!

**First Friday Devotions:** Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration in Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be held on Friday, May 5th at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church from 12 to 1pm.

##### **Totus Tuus Save the Date July 23-28**

Totus Tuus is a week-long summer Catholic youth program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic Faith through evangelization, catechesis, Christian witness and Eucharistic worship. Be on the lookout for more information in your upcoming parish bulletins!

The Rural Life Office  
invites you to participate in a  
Virtual Novena for St. Isidore




Join via Zoom  
Registration Required  
May 6-14, 7:00 PM  
Scan the QR for Information  
or contact the Rural Life Office  
edell.david@gmail.com or 785.952.9002



**Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel**

Please consider and pray to commit to one hour of Adoration or be a substitute for those who have an hour.

**3 HOURS OPEN:** Saturday 9:00PM-10:00PM  
Saturday 7:00PM-8:00PM  
Sunday 12:00PM-1:00PM

Bob/Carol Feauto (12A-6A) 628-1429  
Lorraine Brungardt (6A-12P) 625-3021  
Yvonne Demuth (12P-6P) 656-9543  
Geri Rupp (6P-12A) 639-5588



**“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.

**“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 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.

**“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 or call for information 785-259-6859.

**CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS**



**HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY**

Rachel Wentling, Principal  
(785) 625-3131

April 25 HFE Applebee's Fundraising Day  
April 27 Mother's Mass & Altar Server Recognition

**Holy Family Elementary seeking a candidate to fill a full-time paraprofessional position** that will serve 3 & 4-year-old students in the Precious Creations Early Childhood program <https://www.hfehays.org/o/hfe/page/precious-creation> M-F, 7:45 am to 4:00 pm, August to May. A successful candidate is a Christian who seeks to work in an environment of spiritual formation and enjoys working with young children. Employees at Holy Family Elementary are expected to develop caring relationships with students that allow them to demand excellence. HFE believes a loving firmness and virtue growth will allow students to develop a growth mindset that will further aid in their success as they progress through school.

They will assist in the instruction, supervision, and implementation of developmentally appropriate educational opportunities and curriculum to preschool-age children that develop the whole child (spiritually, cognitively, social-emotionally, language/communication, and physical development). Hourly pay will be based on experience. The work schedule follows the traditional school calendar, from August to May with holiday breaks as scheduled on the school calendar. Full benefits include Single Health Insurance Plan, Life Insurance Policy for \$10,000, Long-Term Disability Plan, 6.5% contribution to Retirement, 10 Sick Days, 2 Personal Days, and 1 Professional Day; Professional Development, Discounted Preschool Tuition, After School Care until 4:30 pm every day, and Lunch is provided each day. Questions may be emailed to [wentling@hfehays.org](mailto:wentling@hfehays.org) and the application is available at <https://www.hfehays.org/o/hfe/page/employment-opportunities>.

**THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN**

Chad Meitner, Principal

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



April 23 Spring Play - “A Midsummers Night’s Dream” 2:00 pm  
April 28 ACE Preview Night 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm  
April 29 ACE Auction 5:00 pm - 11:00 pm

Shells Partially Donated by Northwestern Printers.

**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.*



# HUMAN TRAFFICKING is HUMAN SLAVERY

**Learn More:** Victoria High School Auditorium  
**Wednesday:** May 3, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

All high school students and adults are welcome.

**WHAT IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING?** ...a modern-day form of slavery involving the buying and selling of persons; the fastest growing criminal industry in the world. It is based on recruiting, harboring, and transporting people for the purpose of exploitation.

There are multiple ways persons are used as products or merchandise, including:

- Organ trafficking
- Forced marriages
- Mail order brides
- Children as soldiers
- Debt bondage

This multi-billion-dollar business is sustained by the GREED of traffickers and the PLEASURE of buyers.

**VICTIMS** - Trafficking victims can be anyone. They can live in small towns or large cities; economically well off or poor. They may be US citizens or come from any country in the world. Victims are persons who are often deceived by grooming, a technique, used by pimps to establish a relationship, ultimately leading to exploiting persons for sex, labor, or ways of making money.

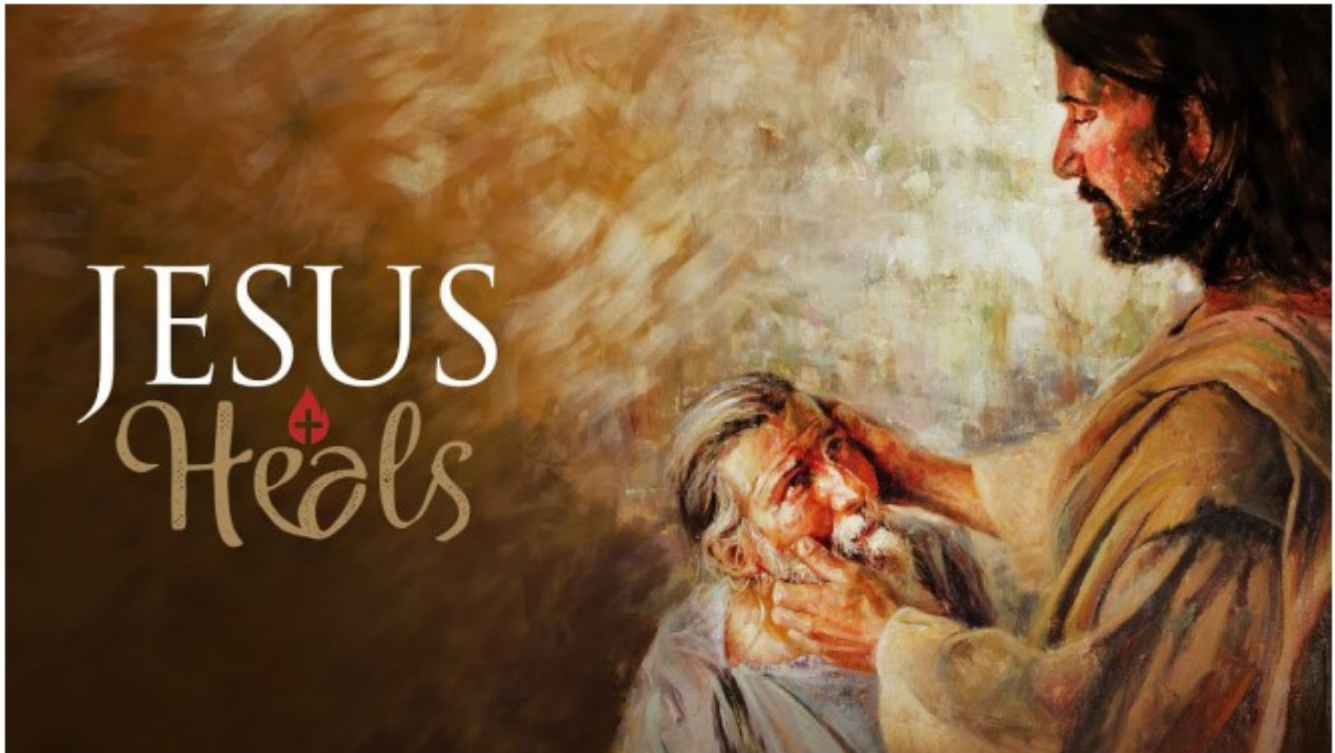
Most vulnerable:

- Runaways
- People living in poverty
- Refugees who do not know our language
- Children from dysfunctional families
- People who identify as LGBTQ
- Children in the foster and juvenile system

**SPEAKER:** Margaret Nacke, a Sister of St. Joseph of Concordia, KS., founded U S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking ten years ago, a faith-based national network that offers education, supports access to survivor services, and engages in advocacy to end modern-day slavery. Recently Sister received the Radical Abolitionist Award from the S.O.A.P. project (Save our Adolescents from Prostitution), a project committed to survivor-centered approach to ending human trafficking. Sister Nacke has educated the public about the way people are bought, sold and discarded as human beings.

(Free will offering.)

**Sponsors:** St. Fidelis Christian Mothers/Altar Society  
Knights of Columbus St. Fidelis Council #1867



## 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, MAY 12, 2023**

Father James Thomas C.M.I. with Father Leo Blasi and Priests from the Diocese of Salina

Sacred Heart Catholic Church • 202 South Cottonwood • Park, KS 67751

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

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) 673-9775



## 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!**