

# St. Francis of Assisi Church

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



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## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

### GRAND KNIGHT

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)

**Sunday, October 8, 2023 ~ Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Sun. Oct 8	8:00 am	+Danny Pfannenstiel, Jr.
Wed. Oct 11	7:30 am	L/D Don & Charlotte Werth family
Sun. Oct 15	8:00 am	L/D Les & Linda Gross fam.
Wed. Oct 18	7:30 am	L/D Julie & Mary Jane Koerner family

**SERVERS**

Sunday, Oct 8	Reylyn Leiker & Trenton Staley
Sunday, Oct 15	Jacob Leiker & Logan Leiker

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Sun. Oct 8	John M, Ken R, Peggy R, Josh W.
Sun. Oct 15	Wendy R, Tina W, Michelle W, Dcn Steve

**LECTORS                      OFFERTORY GIFTS**

Sun. Oct 8	Tina Waddell	Neal & Carolyn Younger
Sun. Oct 15	Ernie Binder	Randy & Michelle Werth

**GREETERS**

Sunday, Oct 8	Wilbert Gross
Sunday, Oct 15	Larry & Gloria Koirth

**COLLECTION TEAM**

**Sunday, October 8**

Jerry Gross, David Leiker, John Oborny, Randy Werth

**Sunday, October 15**

Jason Carter, Rexton Leiker, Josh Waddell, Darold Younker

**TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS**

Sunday, October 8	Deanna Leiker
Sunday, October 15	Herman & Rosie Leiker
Sunday, October 22	Jason & Rose Carter
Sunday, October 29	Glenn & Rhonda Stramel

**Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure**

Envelopes	\$1,430.00
Loose	\$23.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,453.00</b>



**FROM THE DESK OF FATHER DAMIAN**

**Francis' Stigmata**

**From "The Life of St. Francis" by St. Bonaventure**

About two years before Francis died, he decided he hadn't done enough to unite his sufferings to Christ.

Yes, you heard that right. After 20 years of giving away all that he owned, of sleeping in ditches, of putting ashes in his food so that nothing would get between him and God, Francis decided that life was too easy for him.

So, he went into the mountains of central Italy to pray.

He found a small cave on the side of a mountain and sat there in prayer.

Every day a brother friar would bring him a jug of water and a loaf of bread. Sometimes Francis would eat, but most of the time he was so lost in prayer he forgot.

St. Bonaventure describes what happened next:

On a certain morning about the feast of the Exaltation of the Cross (September 14), while Francis was praying on the mountainside, he saw a Seraph angel with six fiery and shining wings descend from the height of heaven.

Among the wings of the Angel was the figure of Christ Crucified.

When Francis saw this, his heart was flooded with joy and sorrow.

He rejoiced because Jesus, while mounted on the Cross, looked at Francis with love.

As the vision disappeared, the marks of nails began to appear in Francis' hands and feet just as he had seen a little before in the figure of Christ Crucified.

Francis' hands and feet seemed to be pierced through the center by nails, with the heads of the nails appearing on the inner side of the hands and the upper side of the feet and their points on the opposite sides.

The heads of the nails in his hands and his feet were round and black; their points were oblong and bent as if driven back with a hammer, and they emerged from the flesh and stuck out beyond it.

Also on his right side, as if pierced with a lance, was marked with a red wound from which his sacred blood often flowed, staining his clothes.

Because this had been given to him privately, Francis did his best to keep it hidden.

This is not unusual with stigmatics. They view this as a private devotion uniting them to Christ, not as a party trick to share with others.

When Francis died two years later the Community announced that he had the Wounds of Christ.

Francis is the first recorded instance we have of the stigmata. Some people wonder if Paul may have had the wounds also, but we have no proof of that.

You can see the stigmata in the statue of St. Francis at here in our church.

To the parishes of:

St. Francis Parish in St. Francis

St. Francis Parish in Norton

St. Francis Parish in Munjor

Dear Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi Parish:

I am praying for you as you celebrate your feast day of St. Francis of Assisi on October 4. St. Francis' life fills us with hope. As a young man, he was frivolous and glory seeking. He grew up during a time when towns fought each other. He was captured and ended up spending a year in prison. It was there that he started searching for more. Francis recognized the emptiness of his carefree life. He embraced Jesus' invitation to leave everything behind and follow him. Not everyone was happy about this choice, including his parents. Townspeople ridiculed him.

Within ten years, five thousand people followed him. Following Francis' example, the friar's preaching, spirit of poverty and commitment to peace began to renew the Church. Towards the end of his life, Francis received the wounds of Christ on his hands, feet and side. Even though he lived in pain, his quiet joy persevered. He died at the age of 44 years old.

Two of the most important aspects of his life were his joy in suffering and his immense sensitivity to all of God's creation. St. Francis, please pray for us that we may unite ourselves to Jesus in our suffering and his creation.

— Bishop Gerald Vincke



Kenny 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.

**Christian Mothers** ~ New members will be installed at Mass Sunday, November 19th. If you are interested in joining or have questions contact Jane Younger 785-259-3374 or Bea Suppes 785-625-5180. Also, at the November meeting positions of Vice-chair & Secretary will be selected. To nominate someone or if you are interested, please contact Jane or Bea.

### EVENTS IN THE HEARTLAND

**Public Square Rosary Crusade** will be held at noon, on Oct. 14, at the Downtown Pavilion, 10<sup>th</sup> & Main, Hays. For more information, contact Gail Staab, at 785-650-4544.

**St. Catherine's Christian Mothers ~ Katharinenstadt's Essenfest.** German Style Cook-Off, Sunday, October 22, 2023, from 11:00am - 1:00pm in the Kennedy Cafeteria. Enter a GERMAN FOOD for a chance to win a cash prize. Deadline to register is October 18. Taster Cost: \$5.00 per person which can be purchased at the door. To register or for more info call/text Sarah Shubert at 785-656-2399. There will also be a Bake Sale, Polka Music & 50/50 Raffle!

**TMP-M PTF Soup Supper Sunday, October 22**, from 4pm - 7pm in the Dining Hall. Serving will be chili, green bean dumpling, sandwiches and cinnamon rolls. Carry out available. Free will offering. All soup supper proceeds support classroom and student scholarships

### Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree Exemplification



**When:** Saturday, November 11, 2023

**Where:** DOC Hanger, near the Eisenhower International Airport in Wichita, Kansas

**Time:** 12:00pm to 9:00pm

**Eligibility:** Any 3rd Degree member in good standing

**Deadline:** Saturday, October 21, 2023

If you are a Third Degree member and would like to join the local Knights of Columbus Bishop Cunningham Assembly, please contact our Faithful Navigator Jerry Wasinger at 785-432-3246 or Faithful Comptroller Bradley Stramel by email [brstramel@gmail.com](mailto:brstramel@gmail.com)



**Wednesday, 6:30 pm**

**NEEDED: Religious Education Teacher. For more information, please contact Joe Pfannenstiel at 785-259-2762**

**Pastoral Council Meeting**, Tues., October 17th, 6:30 pm.

**Perpetual Adoration Chapel openings:** Sunday 1am and Saturday 10pm. Contact Geri Rupp 785-639-5588.

### BIBLE REFLECTION ~ STEWARDSHIP GOAL

*"The stone that the builders rejected has become the corner stone..." - Matthew 21:42*

Jesus was rejected by the religious and political leaders of his day, as well as ordinary citizens, but he was still obedient to God, the Father. Similarly, living a stewardship lifestyle may cause you to be "rejected" by others, but we, too are called to be obedient. Saying grace before a meal in a restaurant may attract some strange looks from some. But to others it is a sign that God is alive and well!

**DIOCESAN NEWS**

**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 & Sunday, October 29th at 3PM St. Nicholas of Myra, Hays. Register by going to the link below or call the parish office and we can assist with your registration. No cost to attend. <https://salinadiocese.org/office/family-life>

If you have ever laughed at one of Bishop Vincke's stories in his monthly e-news; if you have ever read a story in faith magazine and been brought to tears; if you have ever clipped out a photo of your grandchild in The Register; if you have ever tuned into The Three Bald Guys while on a drive, checked out an event on the diocesan website or heart-reacted a social media post, please consider making a gift to support the annual Communications and Publications Drive. You can do so by using the enclosed envelope in the Oct. issue of The Register or the Nov. issue of faith. Or you can make a gift online at [salinadiocese.org](http://salinadiocese.org)

**ANNUAL ADOPTION MASS** is scheduled for Friday, November 3 at 6:00 P.M. at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Salina. This event is hosted by Catholic Charities in honor of those who have been touched through adoption in their own lives. A reception will follow.

**The 2023 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal weekend takes place Oct. 14-15** across parishes throughout the diocese. This fundraising event honors those whose lives have been impacted by Catholic Charities and YOU who makes these stories possible! Even better, all gifts made to the 2023 Annual Appeal will be matched up to \$150,000, doubling your impact! To donate or learn more about the 2023 Annual Appeal, visit [cncs.org/annualappeal](http://cncs.org/annualappeal)

**150th celebration of our Volga German Ancestry ~ 2026.** Ellis County Historical Society is in the beginning stages of planning for this event. If you would like to participate in the planning etc., the first meeting will be Monday, October 16th at 7 pm at the ECHS. For more info call 785-650-1943.

**CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS**



**HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY**

Rachel Wentling, Principal  
(785) 625-3131

- Oct 11 Early Release dismiss at 1:15  
Freddy's HFE Fundraising Night
- Oct 13 End of Qtr 1
- Oct 19 October Birthday Mass & Lunch
- Oct 23 Fall Picture Retakes
- Oct 24 Parent Teacher Conferences 4 - 6 pm

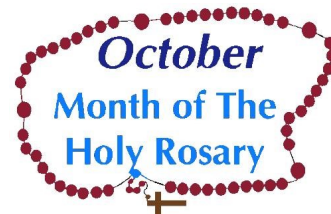


**THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN**  
Chad Meitner, Principal

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

- Oct 9 Turn in Jostens Orders
- Oct 11 Early Release JH 1 pm - HS 1:05pm
- Oct 13 End of First Quarter

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



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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.*

*St. Catherine's Christian Mothers*

# *KATHARINENSTADT'S ESSENFEST*

*German Style Cook-Off*

## *Details*

**When:** Sunday, October 22 11:00 - 1:00

**Where:** Kennedy Middle School Cafeteria 1309 Fort St

**Entry Cost:** Enter a GERMAN FOOD for a chance to win a Cash Prize! There is no entry fee.

Cash Prize for the top 3 People's Choice Award

Deadline to register is October 18

**Taster Cost:** \$5 per person, you can purchase at the door. Taste all entries!

Call/Text Sarah Shubert for registration

Cell: 785-656-2399

There will also be a Bake Sale, Polka Music,  
and a 50/50 Raffle!!

*Proceeds will be donated to local charities.*



# TMP-M PTF

## Soup Supper



Sunday, October 22, 2023

TMP-M Dining Hall

4:00 – 7:00 pm

Chili Soup, Green  
Bean Dumpling  
Soup,  
Sandwiches &  
Cinnamon Rolls



**Carry out available**

**\*\*\*Free Will Offering\*\*\***

*All Soup Supper Proceeds Support Classroom &  
Student Scholarships*