

# 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 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. Oct 24 8:00 am +Andrew Richmeier  
 Wed. Oct 27 7:30 am +Marvin & Elmer Younger  
 Sun. Oct 31 8:00 am L/D Herman & Rosie Leiker family  
Mon. Nov 1 7:00 pm Special Intention  
 Wed. Nov 3 7:30 am L/D Joe & Rose Gross family

**SERVERS**

Sunday, Oct 24 Jacob Leiker & Rexton Leiker  
 Sunday, Oct 31 Logan Leiker & Trenton Staley

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Sunday, Oct 24 Jenalyn Leiker & Wendy Richmeier  
 Sunday, Oct 31 Ernie Binder & Ken Richmeier

**LECTORS**

**OFFERTORY GIFTS**

Sun. Oct 24 Gene Gottschalk Wilbert Gross  
 Sun. Oct 31 John Moeder K of C Members

**GREETERS**

Sunday, Oct 24 Jason & Rose Carter  
 Sunday, Oct 31 K of C Members

**COLLECTION TEAM**

**Sunday, October 24**

John Moeder, Greg Pfannenstiel, Donovan Richmeier, Tony Staley

**Sunday, October 31**

Wilbert Gross, Mark Leiker, Nathan Leiker, Neal Younger

**TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS**

Sunday, Oct 24 Ken & Peggy Richmeier  
 Sunday, Oct 31 Darold & Evelyn Younger  
 Sunday, Nov 7 Aaron & Kolleen Dome  
 Sunday, Nov 14 Randy & Michelle Werth

**Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure**

Envelopes	\$1,305.00	Oktoberfest	\$100.00
Loose	\$60.00		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,465.00</b>		

**REFLECTION FROM DEACON STEVE URBAN**

Jeremiah 31:7-9  
 Hebrews 5:1-6  
 Mark 10: 46-52

On our recent retreat for the deacons of Salina, our retreat master spoke about Saint Theresa of Avila and her journey of faith. Theresa of Avila was already living as a Carmelite nun before she had a powerful conversion of faith. Her conversion consisted of three stages of faith which we all might go through. The first stage is where we try to manipulate God and faith is more of a useful relationship. The second stage is a growing faith where God reveals himself to us. The final stage or the plenitude of faith is where we have an experience of God that we cannot control. This experience leads to a life of faith...a way of life. This experience is what happened to Bartimaeus in today's Gospel. Bartimaeus was searching for God and wanting to be made whole. Jesus called him, healed him, and sent him on to walk in the new way. In this experience of Jesus which was pure gift, Bartimaeus came to both physical sight and spiritual insight. Let's pray, that like Bartimaeus, we can come to a deep relationship with God that leads to a life of transformation.

Transformation is what God was intending for a "remnant" of his people who had fallen into captivity because of their failure to obey the covenant. Jeremiah prophesied that the people of the southern kingdom of Judah had been taken into bondage because of their failure to follow God's covenantal plan. In today's reading, Jeremiah envisions the end of the exile when God would lead his people back across the desert just like the first exodus from Egypt. The "remnant" would be the blind, the lame, and pregnant and nursing mothers. Miraculously rescued by God, this "remnant's" experience of God would lead them to a life of faith.

This "remnant" of faith is who Bartimaeus is in Mark's Gospel. The Jewish people believed that when the Messiah would come he would fulfill the Old Testament prophecy of healing the blind, the lame, and the poor. And the fact that Bartimaeus uses the term "Son of David" points to his belief that Jesus was indeed the long-awaited Messiah. It is interesting that up to this point in Mark's Gospel only the demons recognized Jesus as the Messiah. Not the disciples, not the Jewish leaders, but only a blind beggar recognizes Jesus. And Jesus calls Bartimaeus to an experience of healing and mercy. Jesus recognizes in Bartimaeus' desire to see, physically and spiritually, an authentic witness of faith. And so Jesus says to him, "Your faith has saved you".

In reflecting on Bartimaeus' call to faith, I think we can learn a great deal about ourselves. First, we have to have the desire...the passion to be made whole. Second,

Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021 ~ Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

we come to God knowing and admitting our weaknesses and brokenness. Bartimaeus cried out, "Son of David have pity on me". This was a recognition of his sinfulness and his need for God. Bartimaeus, like Theresa of Avila, wanted a deep relationship with God. But it is always God who makes the first step and calls us to deep union with him. Finally, when we experience God, God always asks us to step out and follow on a new path. Our experience with God always leads to transformation...a new way of living and behaving. May we come to see and experience this life changing transformation in our lives as did Theresa of Avila, Bartimaeus, and who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith.

~ *Deacon Steve*

K of C will be handing out bags after Mass for non-perishable food items for the St. Joseph Food Pantry. Please return donated items next Sunday.

K of C meeting, Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m.

**Today is World Mission Sunday.** We celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call – to bring the Gospel to all! The collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith supports the work and witness of the Mission Church, as it provides for priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. Thank you for your generosity.

**Parish Men's Picture:** If you are interested in ordering a picture of the group of men of the parish that was taken recently, please contact David Leiker by November 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Eucharistic Miracles of the World** Divine Mercy Radio is hosting the Eucharistic Miracles of the World. The exhibit is a traveling display featuring 39 beautiful panels that highlight some of the most powerful Eucharistic miracles in the world. These Vatican-approved miracles have been created by an Italian teenage, Servant of God Carlo Actus. Carlo died from leukemia the year after he completed this project. The viewing schedule is as follows: Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit Schedule

**October 22 - 24**

**Parish Hall-Saint Nicholas of Myra Church**

**Friday, Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> 4 to 7pm**

**Saturday, Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> 1 to 7**

**pm Sunday, Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> 9am to 2pm**

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

+ **ALL SOULS SERVICES** +

**St. Catherine:** Sunday, Oct. 24, following 9am Mass. Donations can be mailed to St. Catherine Church PO Box 18, Catharine, KS 67627-0018. Please make checks payable to St. Catherine Cemetery.

**St. Severin Cemetery:** Sunday, Oct. 24, at 10:30am, following cemetery services at Catharine. Donations can be mailed to St. Catherine Church PO Box 18, Catharine, KS 67627-0018. Please make checks payable to St. Catherine Cemetery.

**St. Anthony, Schoenchen:** Saturday, Oct. 30, after the 5:30pm, Mass.

**Our Lady Help of Christians Antonino** Saturday, Oct. 30, after the 4pm, Mass.

**St. Joseph, Hays:** Sunday, Oct. 31, at 1pm

**St. Francis of Assisi:** Sunday, Nov. 7, at 1:30pm

Come learn about the  
**VALUE THEM BOTH** Amendment!  
Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> after 9:30 & 11:00 Masses – St. Nicholas of Myra. Kansans can help protect women and babies in our state by learning about VALUE ATHE BOTH Amendment, which we will vote on August 2, 2022. St. Nicholas K of C is hosting and will have a lunch and learn following the 11am Mass in the parish hall. Fr. Bernie Gorges will be speaking about this amendment.

St. Catherine's Christian Mothers ~ German Style Cook-Off  
~ Katharinenstadt Essenfest ~  
**Entry Cost:** \$20 per GERMAN FOOD entry. Cash Prize for the top 3 People's Choice Award. Deadline to register is November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Taster Cost: \$5 per person. Taste all entries!  
**Where:** Kennedy Middle School Cafeteria 1309 Fort St  
**When:** Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup> 11:00 -1:00  
Contact Sarah Shubert to register for tickets 785-656-2399  
*There will also be Polka Music, Beer, and a Bake Sale!!*



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.*

Perpetual Adoration Chapel Notice:  
3 HOURS OPEN: Saturdays 10AM 12PM 5PM  
Bob & Carol Feauto 628-1429

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

When Jesus asked the blind man "What do you want from me?" he asked for sight. If Jesus asked you the same question, what would you say? Okay, that is your prayer.

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**OCTOBER** – Partner with others - faith based groups, law enforcement, friends - to discuss some of the issues in U.S. Catholic Sisters' website (sistersagainstrafficking.org.) U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking, 2039 N Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131.

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**CENTER FOR LIFE EXPERIENCE**

Healing Hearts: Connect with family members who have lost a child. Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs each month.

Healing After Loss of Suicide: Offering hope, encouragement & understanding. Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday each month.

Healing After Loss: Offering hope, encouragement & understanding to those who suffered loss of an adult. Meets 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday each month.

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Called to Communion host Dr. David Anders talks lovingly but clearly with non-Catholics and fallen-away Catholics in this live call-in show! Tune in to 105.7 FM, online at [dvmercy.com](http://dvmercy.com), or on the free phone app at 1 PM on weekdays. The call-in number is 833-288- 3986.

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**A FALL COLOR REMINDS US OF GOD**

Orange has no rhyming word in the English language, so the word is unique, just as God is unique.

Orange is made up of two colors, red and yellow. Red stands for the fire of the Holy Spirit and yellow stands for the Light of Christ. These two colors come together and form a third color. Thus, orange is a mystery, like the mystery of our God as the Trinity; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Science has discovered that orange is the only color that does not disappear nor fade into the atmosphere. Therefore, it is always with us, just as God is with us always. So, this Fall take notice of the presence of orange all around you as you come and go in God's world.

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**CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS**



**HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY**

Rachel Wentling, Principal  
625-3131

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- Oct. 25 – Fall Picture Day Retakes
  - Oct. 26 – Parent Teacher Conferences, 4 to 6pm (all grades)
  - Oct. 28 – No Preschool – Early Release Day at 1:15pm  
Parent Teacher Conferences, 2 to 6pm (all grades)
  - Oct. 29 – No School
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**THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN**

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

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- Oct. 24 – PTF Soup Supper, 4 to 7pm
  - Oct. 25 – Parent Teacher Conference, 4 to 8:30pm
  - Oct. 27 – Parent Teacher Conference, 4 to 6pm
  - Oct. 29 – No School
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TMP-M Soup Supper: Sunday, October 24th 4-7 pm  
Chili, Green Bean Dumpling, Turkey Sandwiches, & Cinnamon Rolls. Free will offering. Carry outs available.

TMP Key Club is selling Kansas Maid frozen pastries. If interested in ordering, please contact Melissa Pinkney, [pinkneym@tmpmarian.org](mailto:pinkneym@tmpmarian.org) Orders are due Oct. 30 and will be delivered on the afternoon of Nov. 17.

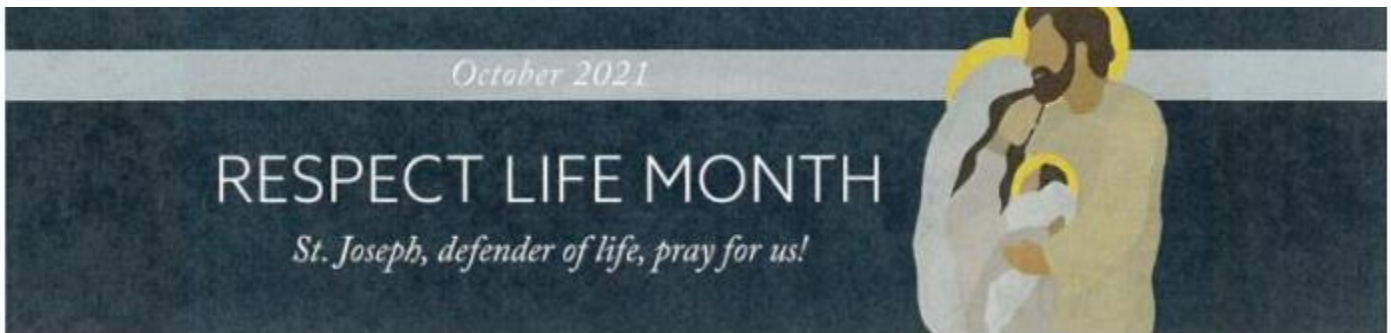
Get ready for all those holiday guests or just put an easy meal in your freezer for those busy nights! The annual bierock and cookie dough sale is set for Oct. 29. You can place your orders at this link or you can contact Sandy Losey at [loseys@tmpmarian.org](mailto:loseys@tmpmarian.org). These always sell out so get your order in early. The deadline to order is 10/21. <https://www.hayscatholicschools.org/page/bierocksales>  
Bierocks are \$40/dozen and Cookie Dough is \$10/container. All proceeds benefit the transportation fund. Many hands make light work. We need volunteers to help assemble and bake the bierock on Oct. 29. If you can spare a few hours that day please contact Sandy.

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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 be examples of his teachings, we strive for unity through fellowship and participation in all areas of the Catholic faith.*



*During the month of October, the Catholic Church observes Respect Life Month. We are invited to pray and reflect more deeply on the gift of human life as we help build a culture that cherishes and protects it.*

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## RESPECT LIFE RESOURCES

**Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas** provides financial housing assistance, basic needs like food, hygiene, diapers and clothing; counseling services, immigration legal services and more!

**The Free Pregnancy Support Program** operates out of offices in Salina, Hays and Manhattan. Pregnancy Support Specialists also travel to Goodland, Norton, Clay Center and Concordia. <https://ccsnks.org/pregnancy>

**Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas is a licensed adoption child placing agency**, authorized by the State of Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Adoption Services are available to birth mothers and prospective adoptive couples. <https://ccsnks.org/adoption>



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## Come learn about the VALUE THEM BOTH Amendment!

**Oct. 24, after the 9:30am & 11am Masses, St. Nicholas Parish Hall**

Kansans can help protect women and babies in our state by learning about the VALUE THEM BOTH Amendment, which we will vote on August 2, 2022. The amendment will:

- Protect existing Kansas law that keeps babies from being aborted up to the moment of birth
- Prevent taxpayer-funded abortion and extreme procedures such as partial-birth and live-dismemberment abortions
- Preserve safeguards that require the abortion industry to protect women with important clinic safety standards

Make plans to attend this important meeting, hosted by the Knights of Columbus.

**Knights of Columbus** will have lunch and learn on Sunday Oct. 24, directly following the 11am, Mass in the parish hall. Fr. Bernie Gorges will be speaking about the VALUE THEM BOTH Amendment. Lunch will be provided.



VALUE THEM BOTH

## KANSAS: NOW A "HAVEN" FOR UNLIMITED ABORTION?

Abortion Industry attorneys are celebrating Kansas as "a haven state in the Midwest"<sup>1</sup> for unlimited abortion. Passage of the VALUE THEM BOTH state constitutional amendment on August 2, 2022, is the only way to protect women and babies in the heartland from this predatory industry.

How did we get here? Kansas became one of the most pro-abortion states in the country after a 2019 ruling by the State Supreme Court discovered and created a nearly unlimited right to abortion in the Kansas Constitution. Even the most basic limits on the abortion industry are now "presumed unconstitutional."<sup>2</sup> Kansas is the "new New York"<sup>3</sup> when it comes to abortion!

Abortion Industry lawyers state that Kansas will even be a destination state "if federal laws protecting abortion are overturned or significantly limited or undercut in other states."<sup>4</sup>

Seizing upon this new, horrific legal landscape, Kansas abortionists began filing lawsuits to block the state's bipartisan, broadly supported abortion limits that protect preborn babies and mothers.<sup>5</sup> Taxpayer-funded abortions in Kansas, up to the moment of birth, are almost certain to happen without the VALUE THEM BOTH Amendment.

In fact, abortions in Kansas are already increasing. For the first time in three decades, the number of Kansas abortions climbed by a staggering 9.1%, for a total of 7,512 lives lost.<sup>6</sup> 52% of these abortions were performed on non-Kansas residents.

\*Texas, up from 25 abortions [in Kansas] in 2019 to 289 abortions [in Kansas] in 2020; Oklahoma, up from 85 to 277; and Arkansas, up from 40 to 74. The number of Missouri residents obtaining an abortion in Kansas climbed by 23, pushing that annual total to 3,201.<sup>7</sup>

The Missouri numbers show precisely why Planned Parenthood announced plans for a new clinic in Kansas City, Kansas<sup>8</sup>—easy access across the state line.

Get involved. Join the fight to save babies and protect moms.

ANNUAL # OF ABORTIONS IN KANSAS



ABORTIONS IN KANSAS BY STATE 2020



2019-2020 INCREASE IN OUT-OF-STATE RESIDENTS GETTING ABORTIONS IN KANSAS



<sup>1</sup><https://www.washpost.com/news-features/inside-the-abortion-industry-in-the-midwest-but-not-in-the-heartland/article/2019-07-25/>  
<sup>2</sup><https://www.kansascity.com/news/politics-government/elections/article2019-07-25/>  
<sup>3</sup><https://www.washpost.com/news-features/inside-the-abortion-industry-in-the-midwest-but-not-in-the-heartland/article/2019-07-25/>  
<sup>4</sup><https://www.washpost.com/news-features/inside-the-abortion-industry-in-the-midwest-but-not-in-the-heartland/article/2019-07-25/>  
<sup>5</sup><https://www.kansascity.com/news/politics-government/elections/article2019-07-25/>  
<sup>6</sup><https://www.kansascity.com/news/politics-government/elections/article2019-07-25/>  
<sup>7</sup><https://www.kansascity.com/news/politics-government/elections/article2019-07-25/>  
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