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



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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday - 8:00 am
Tuesday - 8:00 am
Thursday - 8:00 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
Thomas More Prep-Marian 625-6577
www.tmp-m.org

FROM BISHOP VINCKE:

Until further notice, all public celebrations of the Holy Mass in the Diocese of Salina are cancelled except for funeral Masses.



MASS INTENTIONS

- Sun. April 19 +Cody Younger
- Tue. April 21 Ken & Peggy Richmeier family
- Th. April 23 +Jory Konrade
- Sun. April 26 +Henry & Loretta Stecklein
- Tue. April 28 +David Hertel
- Th. April 30 L/D Frank & Pauline Younker family

Mass Intentions will continue. Father Jarett will include in his live streaming Mass that can be viewed at <https://www.facebook.com/MunjorKS/> OR <https://www.facebook.com/StNicksHays/>

Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure

Envelopes	\$960.00	Spec Don.	\$100.00
Cath. Rel Serv.	\$10.00	Rice Bowls	\$10.00
Holy Land	\$85.00	Cath. Rel Ser	\$10.00

TOTAL \$1,190.00

Until Masses resume, please mail your church contributions to the Parish Office:

**St. Francis Church
883 Moscow St.
Munjor, KS 67601**



St. Francis of Assisi Parish is now on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/MunjorKS/>

FATHER JARETT'S ~ Q & A

Does God speak to us through signs? Is it okay to pray for a sign of God's will in our life?

The biggest danger with praying for signs is that it causes us to want to look for signs. How's that for an obvious statement?

Let me explain. What is the problem with looking for signs? When we look for a sign of confirmation from God, we tend to become biased towards only recognizing the signs that confirm the answer we are hoping to find. Let me use an example. In my first few years of seminary, as I traveled the early stages of discernment of my own vocation I began praying for affirmation, for a sign from God to give me confidence in his will for my life. At that time, although I told myself I was open to whatever vocation God was calling me, my heart was leaning toward marriage. Subsequently, as I prayed for a sign of vocational affirmation, anytime I stumbled across a scripture verse or some saint's writing that had the smallest correlation to marriage, I assured myself that God was clearly giving me a sign. Some of these experiences were very powerful. At one point, these "signs" became so apparent that I almost packed my bags and headed home to pursue a career and family.

When praying for signs we can easily become prejudiced and only perceive what we want to perceive in order to affirm our own will instead of God's will. So, does God speak to us through signs? Yes, throughout human history God has used earthly physical mediums to communicate His love and His will to humanity.

The next logical question then, is how do we know? How did I know that God was not actually calling me to marriage? The greatest virtue in perceiving God's will for our lives and testing our perception of God's signs is patience. And of course, we have no time for patience. My spiritual director, at the time, instructed me to test these initial signs by remaining patient and seeking further affirmation from God. Very wisely, he said if God is truly calling you to leave the seminary, He will let you know, He won't let you continue to pursue the wrong vocation if you remain open to Him. My spiritual director was right. What I first perceived to be God's signs of calling me to marriage ceased as I continued to be open, unbiased, and patient in prayer. Therefore, one of the greatest dangers in looking for a sign is that we take the first affirmation we see and run with it. We must be patient. We must trust that if God is truly speaking to us, He will affirm and reaffirm the signs of His will in our lives.

In Christ's Loving Service
Your Pastor,

Fr. Jarett

**Questions of Clarifications?
Email Fr. Jarett at father.konrade@eaglecom.net**

Next week, is the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, over 40 % of dioceses in the United States are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps ease the struggle of these dioceses. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

Special Collections: Holy Land and Rice Bowls donations can be mailed to the parish office, if you have not already done so. Thank you for our generous support.

Stewardship Renewal Forms. If you have not returned yours, please do so as soon as possible

St. Joseph Cemetery, Hays, maintenance staff will be preparing the cemetery for Memorial Day, beginning on Mon, May 4th. We ask that you remove any floral arrangements or decorations that you wish to keep, with the exception of those in containers or vases attached to the monument by Sunday, May 3rd. Items not picked up which interfere with the mowing and trimming will be removed and disposed of by the cemetery staff. Your cooperation will be appreciated!

The Bishop's Annual Appeal – Call to Share. We have already raised \$4,875.00 in faithfully generous pledges to our appeal! 13 families have joined us in making a pledge.



Curt Brungardt, Charlie Munsch, Carole Carter, Stan Herrmann, Jack Harwood, Jerry Barnes, Parishioners in Health Care Facilities.

Drop requests in the collection basket or let Lilly know.

Let Lilly know when the intention can be removed.

APRIL – “We are all called to combat every form of slavery and build fraternity– all of us, each one according to his or her own responsibility” (Pope Francis). Human trafficking demands our attention – let’s work together to end it. U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking. (www.sistersagainsttrafficking.org).

FORMED

Free Catholic Videos, Movie, eBooks, MP3's
www.formed.org – Parish Code: JZ3DPK

During these everchanging times it is more important than ever for families to look to each other for comfort and support. There are an abundant number of resources available online to help you keep the faith at home.

- Watch Mass Online via EWTN, Bishop Robert Barron. Individual priests and parishes are offering online Masses via Facebook or YouTube.

- Mass will be offered the following website

Word on Fire <https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass>

Salina Diocesan Website www.salinadiocese.org

- Reading the scriptural readings for the weekday and the Sunday Mass. They can be found on the USCCB site.

- **An Act of Spiritual Communion:**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



*Christ's divine mercy is present,
even when it's hard to see.*

Most merciful Jesus,

I turn to You in my need.

You are worthy of my complete trust.

You are faithful in all things.

When my life is filled with confusion,
give me clarity and faith.

When I am tempted to despair, fill my soul with hope.

Most merciful Jesus,

I trust You in all things.

I trust in Your perfect plan for my life.

I trust You when I cannot comprehend Your divine Will.

I trust You when all feels lost.

Jesus, I trust You more than I trust myself.

Most merciful Jesus,

You are all-knowing.

Nothing is beyond Your sight.

You are all-loving.

Nothing in my life is beyond Your concern.

You are all-powerful.

Nothing is beyond Your grace.

Most merciful Jesus,

I trust in You,

I trust in You,

I trust in You.

May I trust You always and in all things.

May I daily surrender to Your Divine Mercy.

Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy,

Pray for us as we turn to you in our need.