

# St. Francis of Assisi Church

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



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## FINANCE/PASTORAL COUNCIL

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## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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## CHRISTIAN MOTHERS PRESIDENT

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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

Thomas More Prep-Marian 625-6577

www.tmp-m.org





### MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. Jan. 10 8:00 am +Cody Younger  
Wed. Jan. 13 7:30 am +Ida Volkland  
Sun. Jan. 17 8:00 am Verlin & Elaine Pfannenstiel  
Wed. Jan. 20 7:30 am +Albert & Felicitas Zimmerman

### SERVERS

Sunday, Jan. 10 Alec Gerstner & Logan Leiker  
Sunday, Jan. 17 Cali Richmeier & Rafe Richmeier

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, Jan. 10 Rhonda Stramel & Deacon Steve  
Sunday, Jan. 17 Mark Leiker & Lauren Moeder

### LECTORS

Sunday, Jan. 10 Tina Waddell  
Sunday, Jan. 17 Joanne Steinert

### COLLECTION TEAM

#### Sunday, January 10

Greg Pfannenstiel, Rich Ruder, Tony Staley, Neal Younger

#### Sunday, January 17

Aaron Dome, Jerry Gross, Larry Koirth, Ken Richmeier

### TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

Sunday, Jan. 10 Ernie & Lilly Binder  
Sunday, Jan. 17 Randy & Michelle Werth  
Sunday, Jan. 24 Jason & Rose Carter  
Sunday, Jan. 31 Linda Gross

### Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure

Envelopes	\$2,910.00	<b><u>New Year's:</u></b>	
Loose	\$69.00	Envelopes	\$510.00
Candles	\$14.00	Loose	\$94.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,993.00</b>		<b>\$604.00</b>

Contributions can also be mailed to the Parish Office:  
St. Francis Church  
883 Moscow St.  
Munjoy, KS 67601

### REFLECTION FROM DEACON STEVE URBAN:

Isaiah 55: 1-11  
1 John 5: 1-9  
Mark 1: 7-11

In his poem "East Coker" T.S. Elliott writes, "In my beginning is my end". For Christians this statement might epitomize our journey through the waters of Baptism. As we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we see Jesus begin his mission as suffering, redeeming servant-Son of God. And what begins with Jesus' baptism is brought to completion in the end with his saving death and resurrection. His beginning, his baptism, reaches its final end on the Cross of Calvary and his resurrection Easter morning. The same holds true for us. In Baptism we begin our journey of living the death and resurrection of Jesus and its culmination comes with our own physical death. Therefore, Baptism is the gateway or the doorway into the divine life of the Trinity and into the Church.

In our first reading from the prophet Isaiah, God invites us to share in his divine life. Four times the prophet offers God's goodness and love in the simple invitation to "Come". "Come to the water...come, receive grain and eat...come, without paying and without cost...Come to me heedfully". God invites his people to share fully in his blessings, and the only stipulation to receive these benefits is that they turn away from their sinful ways and repent. In Baptism God calls us to all the benefits of his saving love and the only requirement is repentance. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus begins his mission of hope and redemption by being baptized. With these few verses, Mark shows that the Spirit comes to rest on Jesus sending him out into the world to preach, heal, and bring about the kingdom of God. And then Mark has the voice or the Father proclaim that his newly baptized Jesus is His beloved son who will also be the Suffering Servant sent to redeem mankind.

So, what will the celebration of Jesus' baptism mean for me and you? What change will it require in our day-to-day living? It all begins with Baptism. I think for many of us our baptism was only a memory of the past. For most cradle Catholics we have lost the power and the meaning of our baptism. Because it happened so long ago and for most of us, we were mere infants, we fail to experience the wealth and significance. So, we must remember that important moment. It's not about recalling the day or the place, but recognizing that the graces or gift of God's love offered in our baptism are still present. All we need do is to re-active them by offering ourselves in self-surrender to our God. By repenting through the power of the Holy Spirit, we can live out the life God has destined for us. And so, Baptism or our beginning into the Christian life is our end

*Deacon Steve...*



*Please remember Curt Pfannenstiel in your prayers. May Eternal rest be his and the knowledge of our prayers and support give his family peace.*

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

Church Council Meeting, Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m.



The Double-Edged Sword show, cutting to the heart of a deceptive culture, features a local priest every week. Tune in to 105.7 FM, online at [dvmercy.com](http://dvmercy.com), or on the free phone app at noon on Saturdays and Mondays to hear the wisdom of the priests. This locally produced show is one you don't want to miss. Other show times are 1 a.m. and 9 p.m. on Wednesdays, and 10 p.m. on Saturdays.



The annual Rally and March for Life in Topeka will be held on Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 at the State Capitol. Because of Covid-19 restrictions, there will be restrictions for the number of people allowed to attend the indoor event and Mass, but as of now there isn't a restriction on outdoor participation. Outdoor events will begin at 8:30.

**JANUARY** - Lent begins next month with fish fries across the country. The U.S. imports 80-90% of its seafood. Tens of thousands of people are exploited at every level in seafood harvesting and production. Learn more about the *Labeling Campaign of CATHOLIC COALITION ORGANIZATIONS AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING*. U.S. Catholic Sisters against Human Trafficking is a 501 © (3) organization ([sistersagainstrafficking.org](http://sistersagainstrafficking.org)), 2039 N Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131.



Daughters of Isabella is sponsoring a food and craft Bingo this Sunday at the Holy Family Activity Center at 1:00 PM. All are invited to attend the afternoon of fun. Please make sure wear a mask and social distance. There will also be a book sale.

In need of a birthday or sympathy card? Purchase homemade cards by benefiting our local Catholic Charities agency. Available in the entrance area at the Adoration Chapel at IHM, and at Epworth Towers, Plaza Apartments and Wyndom Place. Suggested donation of .50 each.



Adam, Stacy Dittmer, Special Intentions, Ramona Weigel, Curt Brungardt, Carole Carter, Stan Herrmann, 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:** The Archangels are needing subs to pray at the chapel for the open Adoration hours. This can be a weekly or monthly commitment. Please call one of the Archangels listed in the bulletin to volunteer or answer any questions you might have.

Thank you, The Archangels

Bob & Carol Feauto: (12 a.m. to 6 a.m.), 628-1429;  
Lorraine Brungardt, (6 a.m. to 12 p.m.), 625-3021;  
Yvonne Demuth: (12 p.m. to 6 p.m.), 656-9543;  
Geri Rupp (6 p.m. to 12 a.m.) 639-5588

**Adoration Hours Open:**

Thursday 1:00AM

Saturday 4:00AM, 6:00AM, 5:00PM & 11:00PM

**St. Joseph's Food Pantry Notes:**

Distribution Days: January 16 & February 6 & 20

Items Needed: Ramen noodles, cereal and proteins!

***Cursillo*** "Is learning more about your Catholic faith important to you? Do you yearn for a deep relationship with Christ? Do you hunger for closer friendships with your fellow Christians? If you can answer yes to any of these questions, perhaps a Cursillo weekend might be for you. These weekends bring together Catholics at a deep spiritual and personal level with the intent of evangelizing the culture where each of us live, work, and play. Plans are being made now for: Men's March 4-7, and Women's March 18-22. Contact Patricia Dusin at 785-302-1220 for more info.



O God, in whom we live and move and have our being, grant us sufficient moisture, so that, being supplied with what sustains us in this present life, we may seek more confidently what sustains us for eternity. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

"Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God." – Corie ten Boom



O Mary bright dawn of the new world, Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of life: Look down, O Mother, upon the vast numbers of babies not allowed to be born, of the poor whose lives are made difficult, of men and women who are victims of brutal violence, of the elderly and the sick killed

by indifference or out of misguided mercy. Grant that all who believe in your Son may proclaim the Gospel of life with honesty and love to the people of our time. Obtain for them the grace to accept that Gospel as a gift ever new, the joy of celebrating it with gratitude throughout their lives and the courage to bear witness to it resolutely, in order to build, together with all people of good will, the civilization of truth and love, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life. Amen.

*Pope John Paul II Evangelium Vitae, 1995*

MADE FOR MORE originally scheduled for May 13th, 2020 has been rescheduled for Thursday, Oct. 14th, 2021 in Manhattan. Details of the event will be forthcoming later this Spring.



**YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH**  
December 8, 2020 – December 8, 2021

## CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



### HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Rachel Wentling, Principal  
625-3131

- Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m.-Home & School mtg. in the A.C.  
Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> July Birthday Mass "B" Classes.  
Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> 8:15 a.m.-School Spelling Bee.  
Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> July Birthday Mass "A" classes and lunch.  
Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> HFE Blood Drive w/Red Cross in A.C.



### THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN

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

### HAPPY NEW YEAR from TMP-MARIAN!

Happy New Year from everyone in our Heartland Parishes Catholic schools. We wish you the best of everything in 2021. We look forward to seeing you and working with you on all of the wonderful things that will happen in our schools this year.



Today we celebrate the baptism of Christ in the Jordan. This is the second epiphany, or manifestation, of the Lord. The past, the present, and the future are made manifest in this epiphany.

The most holy one placed Himself among us, the unclean and sinners. The Son of God freely humbled Himself at the hand of the Baptist. By His baptism in the Jordan, Christ manifests His humility and dedicates Himself to the redemption of man. He takes upon Himself the sins of the whole world and buries them in the waters of the Jordan.

— *The Light of the World* by Benedict Baur, O.S.B.

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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.*

## Year of St. Joseph Indulgences

***Granted by the Holy See from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021***

Summary of how to receive the special indulgences granted by the Holy See  
for the Year of St. Joseph.

The plenary indulgence is granted under the usual conditions (*sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer according to the intentions of the Holy Father*) to the faithful who, with a spirit detached from any sin, participate in the Year of Saint Joseph on the occasions and in the manner indicated by this Apostolic Penitentiary:

- Meditate for at least 30 minutes on the Lord's Prayer, because St. Joseph "invites us to rediscover our filial relationship with the Father, to renew fidelity to prayer, to listen and correspond with profound discernment to God's will."
- Participate in a spiritual retreat of at least one day that includes a meditation on Saint Joseph
- Recite the Holy Rosary in families and between the husband and wife in order that 'all Christian families may be stimulated to recreate the same atmosphere of intimate communion, love and prayer that was in the Holy Family.'
- Engaged couples can also receive an indulgence from praying the rosary together.
- Entrust their work daily to the protection of Saint Joseph and to all believers who invoke with their prayers the intercession of the worker of Nazareth
- Pray the litany of Saint Joseph for the persecuted Church and for the relief of all persecuted Christians. Byzantine Catholics have the option of an Akathistos to Saint Joseph
- Entrust one's daily work and activity to the protection of St. Joseph the Worker
- Perform a corporal work of mercy. These include; feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, clothing the naked, sheltering the homeless, visiting the imprisoned, visiting the sick and burying the dead
- Perform a spiritual work of mercy, such as comforting the sorrowful, counseling the doubtful, instructing the ignorant, admonishing the sinner, bearing wrongs patiently, forgiving injuries, and praying for the living and the dead.
- Pray any lawfully approved prayer or act of piety in honor of Saint Joseph, especially on:
  - March 19th (Solemnity of St. Joseph)
  - May 1st (Feast of St. Joseph the Worker)
  - December 26th (Feast of the Holy Family)
  - The 19th day of every month
  - Every Wednesday (day dedicated to the memory of St. Joseph in the Latin tradition)

- The gift of plenary indulgence extends particularly to —
  - The elderly
  - The sick
  - The dying
  - All those who for legitimate reasons cannot leave their home

(Who, with the spirit detached from any sin and with the intention of fulfilling, as soon as possible, the three usual conditions, in your own home or wherever the impediment holds you, pray an act of piety in honor of Saint Joseph, consolation of the sick and patron of good death, confidently offering God the pains and difficulties of his life.)

### **Prayer to Saint Joseph**

To you, O blessed Joseph,  
do we come in our tribulation,  
and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse,  
we confidently invoke your patronage also.

Through that charity which bound you  
to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God  
and through the paternal love  
with which you embraced the Child Jesus,  
we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance  
which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood,  
and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family,  
defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ;  
O most loving father, ward off from us  
every contagion of error and corrupting influence;  
O our most mighty protector, be kind to us  
and from heaven assist us in our struggle  
with the power of darkness.

As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril,  
so now protect God's Holy Church  
from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity;  
shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection,  
so that, supported by your example and your aid,  
we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness,  
and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven.

Amen.