

# 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. Jan. 17 8:00 am +Curt Pfannenstiel  
 Wed. Jan. 20 7:30 am +Albert & Felicitas Zimmerman  
 Sun. Jan. 24 8:00 am L/D Marvin & Mary Jo Braun family  
 Wed. Jan. 27 7:30 am L/D John G. Befort family

**SERVERS**

Sunday, Jan. 17 Cali Richmeier & Rafe Richmeier  
 Sunday, Jan. 24 Braydon Binder & Rexton Leiker

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Sunday, Jan. 17 Mark Leiker & Lauren Moeder  
 Sunday, Jan. 24 Lilly Binder & Michelle Werth

**LECTORS**

Sunday, Jan. 17 Joanne Steinert  
 Sunday, Jan. 24 Ernie Binder

**COLLECTION TEAM**

**Sunday, January 17**

Aaron Dome, Jerry Gross, Larry Koirth, Ken Richmeier

**Sunday, January 24**

John Oborny, Jeff Richmeier, Darold Younker, Brandon Zimmerman

**TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS**

Sunday, Jan. 17 Randy & Michelle Werth  
 Sunday, Jan. 24 Jason & Rose Carter  
 Sunday, Jan. 31 Linda Gross  
 Sunday, Feb 7 Aaron & Kolleen Dome

**Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure**

Envelopes \$5,175.00  
 Loose \$46.00  
**Total \$5,221.00**



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

**REFLECTION FROM DEACON STEVE URBAN:**

1 Samuel 3: 3b-10, 19  
 1 Corinthians 6: 13c-15a, 17-20  
 John 1: 35-42

In the past, the 3 R's--reading, writing, and arithmetic were the foundation of all education. Today the 3 R's form the basis of the subject of vocation found in all three Scripture readings. The 3 R's as Patricia Datchuck Sanchez says in her book "The Word We Celebrate" indicate the three elements of classical prophet's call which are readiness, recognition, and response. These three components help us understand our vocation or calling to the Christian way of life. First, we must be open to God's call to holiness as were Samuel in the first reading and the two disciples in John's Gospel. Second, we must recognize or discern the call, and finally we must respond by following Jesus by how we live.

In the first reading, young Samuel was not familiar with God's voice or the way God speaks to his prophets. Three times Samuel mistakes Eli's voice for God's initiative. While Samuel's heart was open and willing to receive the call, he needed Eli's guidance to help him recognize God's call. Once he comes to understand, we see that he responds with these most important words, "Speak, for your servant is listening". In the second reading from 1 Corinthians, Paul reminds his listeners that they must follow their baptismal call to holiness. Their response to that call must be to lead a moral life in which sins against the body are to be avoided. Finally, in John's Gospel Jesus calls the two disciples to come and see. More than a mere physical command to follow, Jesus invites Andrew and another disciple to a new way of Gospel living. Andrew responds to his new mission and goes out and calls his brother Simon to discover Jesus. Like Samuel, the Corinthians, and the two disciples, we are to make our hearts receptive to God's call, and once we understand God's mission for our lives we must follow through in an intentional and concrete manner.

So, what change in our behavior will these readings require for our lives? It seems to me that Samuel, the Corinthians, and the two disciples needed help to recognize their call. For Samuel, Eli was his mentor, for the Corinthians it was Paul, and for the disciples it was initially John the Baptist who led the two disciples to Jesus. For us we need help in the form of a spiritual director, a close friend, a favorite pastor, a Bible sharing group...some body or some group to help us recognize God's action in our lives. Possibly we trust our spouse to be the individual to guide us along our spiritual journey. By ourselves we are not able to recognize God's voice and God's workings. We each have a story of how God has worked and continues to work in our lives, and a spiritual director, close friend, or some group like Cursillo

can help guide us. Secondly, we all need some form of solitude or quiet listening prayer to help us discern God's action in our lives. Rote prayer and intercessory prayer are very important in our lives, but ten to fifteen minutes of quiet listening is absolutely necessary. Whether you make a visit to the adoration chapel or spend quiet time in your favorite prayer room at home, solitude is a prerequisite for hearing God's voice. To ready your heart to listen begins with silence, to recognize God's call means to ask for help and mentoring from others, and finally through God's Spirit we can follow through in living a more holy life.

*Deacon Steve...*

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

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



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), 2039 N Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131.

**Engaged Couples Marriage prep:  
BELOVED Seminar**

**February 20, 2021 - 8:30 am - 4 pm**

Immaculate Heart of Mary  
1805 Vine St — Hays, KS

Pre-Registration Required by: February 12, 2021

Contact to register call or email: 785-625-7339

Nancy Urban - [nurban76@gmail.com](mailto:nurban76@gmail.com)

Susan Kisner - [skisner@ihm-church.com](mailto:skisner@ihm-church.com)

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 to volunteer.

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;

Gerri 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** Distribution Days: Feb 6 & 20

**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

Holy Family Elementary School

**Annual Chili Supper & Bazaar**

Sunday, January 31, 2021 3:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M

Holy Family Elementary School, 18<sup>th</sup> and Vine, Hays

**MENU:** Chili, hot chicken sandwiches on homemade buns, relishes, desserts. *Meal tickets are \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children (ages 4-12). Tickets are available in advance at the school office or when you pick up your meal. Drive-thru and take-out ONLY! Drive-thru line will run in the playground parking lot. To-go meals can be picked up by walking inside and down to the Activity Center! Delivery for meals will be available. Pre-purchasing meal tickets will help us keep the lines moving smoothly!*

Raffle items this year, include a Napoleon gas grill, \$1,000 cash prize, 65" Smart TV, Xbox Seris X, children's bikes, memberships, gift cards, electronics, appliances, and much more! Raffle tickets are due to HFE by January 25<sup>th</sup>!

This special fundraiser will look a little different this year to keep it a safe event for our school community! Silent Auction items will be displayed in the school gym and can be previewed in person between 10-4 on Saturday the 30<sup>th</sup>. Auction items can only be bid for online, and the link will be published on our school website and school Facebook page. The auction will close at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday and winners will be able to pick up their items as they come by for their meals! Raffle winners will be announced through Facebook LIVE at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday.

The Scholastic Book Fair will be running in the Little Theater for all of your family's book needs on Saturday between 10-4! We have set an ambitious goal on meal ticket sales this year in hopes of this being a successful fundraiser for our school, even in a different format! ALL of these, and general donations for the chili supper, help the school's budget and future facility/educational needs!

*Thank you for your ongoing support of Catholic education in our community!*

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*Today will never come again.*

*Be a blessing, be a friend.*

*Encourage someone.*

*Take time to care.*

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CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



**HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY**

Rachel Wentling, Principal  
625-3131

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- Jan 18 NO SCHOOL – Inservice Day
  - Jan 19 January Birthday Mass “A” Classes
  - Jan 20 After School Care Appreciation Day
  - Jan 21 January Birthday Mass “B” Classes  
January Birthday Lunch



**THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN**

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

**Catholic Schools Week ~ February 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>**

Our Heartland Parishes Catholic Schools give thanks to God for the blessing of this mission of the Catholic church. While many of the events will be different this year, we look forward to the celebration and ask for your prayers in support of our Catholic school students, faculty and staff.

**Auction for Christian Education 2021**

The annual TMP-Marian Auction for Christian Education (ACE) is in the planning stages! Always the last weekend of April, the auction is set for April 24<sup>th</sup>. ACE 2021 will be fully online with a watch party hosted by the Alumni Association being offered. Solicitation for gifts and donations in support of ACE will begin February 1<sup>st</sup>. Further details are being sent to homes. With ACE being a major funding arm for TMP-Marian and Holy Family, we ask for your prayers and generosity.

**St. Thomas More Society**

Donations to the St. Thomas More Society directly benefit the education of our Catholic school students. Gifts received prior to December 31, 2020 will be credited to your calendar year giving. All gifts received between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021 will move us closer to the \$520,000 goal for this fiscal year. For questions regarding the STMS and all giving opportunities available, please contact Troy Ruda at [rudat@tmpmarian.org](mailto:rudat@tmpmarian.org)

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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