# 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 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

# FATHER JARETT'S ~ Q & A

# Why do Catholics celebrate a mass on Saturday evening?

In ancient Jewish tradition it was customary that the Sabbath was celebrated from sundown on Friday evening until sundown on Saturday. This is evident in such scripture passages as the story of creation in Genesis, when the author says, "Thus evening came and morning followed," demonstrating the practice of the day beginning with evening.

Wait, Sabbath on Saturday, why do we celebrate it on Sunday? With the dawn of Christianity the Sabbath was no longer observed on Saturday, but Sunday, the Lord's Day, the traditional day of the resurrection, as we see here in the writing of St. Ignatius of Antioch, "Converts have given up keeping the sabbath and now order their lives by the Lord's Day instead, the day when life first dawned for us, thanks to him [Christ] and his death" (Letter to the Magnesians 9 [A.D. 107])

Back to the question, "Why mass on Saturday?" In the Catholic Code of Canon Law we read, "A person who assists at a Mass celebrated anywhere in a Catholic rite either on the feast day itself or in the evening of the preceding day satisfies the obligation of participating in the Mass." (c.1248) We can see that by Church law it is indeed an acceptable practice to meet one's Sunday obligation by attending mass on Saturday evening, now to answer "But why?"

Some would argue that this practice of an anticipatory vigil mass on Saturday evening stems from the Jewish roots as previously described, while others say that this practice had nothing to do with the Bishop's reasoning in the first place, but rather it was given as an option for those who had sufficient reason to miss mass on Sunday. (i.e. certain types of work)

What we do know is that it is an acceptable Catholic practice to fulfill one's Sunday obligation by attending mass on Saturday evening. Perhaps a more important question for us to reflect upon is the "why" of "when we attend Catholic mass." If we attend Saturday evening mass only so that we can go out and party and sleep all morning on Sunday then perhaps we should rethink our understanding of "keeping Holy the Sabbath." What is most important is that the Lord 's Day is kept holy "set apart" from the rest of the week, a time for recreation, in order that we might be re-created to start anew our service in the Lord's vineyard.

In Christ's Loving Service Your Pastor,

Fr. Jarett

Questions of Clarifications? Email Fr. Jarett at <u>father.konrade@eaglecom.net</u>

# **FROM BISHOP VINCKE:**

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

# **MASS INTENTIONS**

Sun. Mar 22	8:00 am	+Cody Younger
Tue. Mar 24	8:00 am	+Pat Miller
Th. Mar 26	8:00 am	Kenneth & Peggy Richmeier family
Sun. Mar 29	8:00 am	+Andrew Richmeier
Tue. Mar 31	8:00 am	L/D Frank & Pauline Younker fam
Th. Apr 2	8:00 am	L/D John A. Ruder family

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

# Tithe ~ Stewardship of TreasureEnvelopes\$1,600.00Parish Supper \$430.00Loose\$80.00Parish Supper \$430.00TOTAL \$2,110.00Until Masses resume, please mail your church<br/>contributions to the Parish Office:<br/>St. Francis Church<br/>883 Moscow St.<br/>Munjor, KS 67601

*Annual Stewardship Renewal Forms*. 48% returned Has yours been turned in? If not, please return as soon as possible. They can be mailed to the parish office.

**The Bishop's Annual Appeal – Call to Share.** We have already raised \$3,375.00 in faithfully generous pledges to our appeal! 10 families have joined us in making a pledge, and we are so grateful. Families have pledged at various levels, and we appreciate each gift, no matter the size.

This week is The Catholic Relief Services Collection to help Jesus in disguise. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide struggling communities with relief and support and to work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world.



Special Intentions, 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.



Have a question about the Catholic faith? Catholic Answers Live is a LIVE call-in program designed to offer Catholics and non-Catholics alike an opportunity to talk to some of the leading apologists and

theologians in the Church today. It airs on Divine Mercy Radio from 5-7 pm, M-F. The call-in number is: 1-888-318-7884 (1-888-31-TRUTH)

### Suggestions to Supplement Your Spiritual Life.

With Mass cancelations, please join us online at one of the below links to watch Mass either on TV or internet. We encourage you to read the Gospels, pray with your families, and join yourself to the Eucharist "the source and summit of our Catholic faith." When you pray or anytime you can make an act of spiritual communion.

• Watch Mass Online via EWTN, Bishop Robert Barron, and individual priests and parishes have already been 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 EWTN

Masses and Fr. Fred at the Cathedral

• 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.

# FORMED

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# **CORONAVIRUS PRAYER**

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas. We fly to you today as your beloved children. We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana. Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world, and for all our families and loved ones, the protection of your holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of this illness. For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance. Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust. In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind. Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts. We come to you with confidence, knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother, health of the sick and cause of our joy. Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms, help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.

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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.