

# St. Francis of Assisi Church

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



## PASTOR

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## PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

Lilly Binder 623-8000

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David Leiker 623-0094

## CHRISTIAN MOTHERS PRESIDENT

Michelle Werth 623-3003

## 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



*Hope*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Sun. Nov 29 8:00 am L/D Randy & Michelle Werth family  
 Wed. Dec 2 7:30 am +James Leiker  
 Sun. Dec 6 8:00 am L/D Alois & Mary Schumacher fam  
 Tue. Dec 8 5:30 pm +Clarence Legleiter  
 Wed. Dec 9 7:30 am L/D John & Adelheid Leiker family

**SERVERS**

Sunday, Nov 29 Benjamin Dome & Alec Gerstner  
 Sunday, Dec 6 Logan Leiker & Daunte Younker  
 Tuesday, Dec 8 Valerie Dome & Wyatt Gerstner

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Sunday, Nov 29 Lilly Binder & Michelle Werth  
 Sunday, Dec 6 Mark Leiker & Wendy Richmeier  
 Tuesday, Dec 8 Ernie Binder & Lauren Moeder

**LECTORS**

Sunday, Nov 29 Valerie Dome  
 Sunday, Dec 6 Gene Gottschalk  
 Tuesday, Dec 8 David Leiker

**COLLECTION TEAM**

**Sunday, November 29**

Jason Carter, Gary Staab, Tony Staley, Neal Younger

**Sunday, December 6**

Aaron Dome, Jerry Gross, Greg Pfannenstiel, Ken Richmeier

**Tuesday, December 8 - Volunteers**

**TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS**

Sunday, Nov. 29 Darold & Evelyn Younker  
 Sunday, Dec. 6 Jeff & Wendy Richmeier  
 Sunday, Dec 13 Tony & Patty Rohr  
 Sunday, Dec 20 Ken & Peggy Richmeier

**Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure**

Envelopes	\$1,250.00	Candles	\$4.00
Loose	\$137.00	Camp. Hum Dev.	\$95.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,486.00</b>		

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

**REFLECTION FROM DEACON STEVE URBAN:**

Isaiah 63: 16-17, 19; 64: 1, 3-8  
 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9  
 Mark 13: 33-37

Happy New Year...or more accurately, Happy New Liturgical Year! With the First Sunday of Advent, we begin a new liturgical year and a new Gospel account. In a three-year cycle, this is year *B*, and we read on most Sundays from the Gospel of Mark. This Gospel is probably the earliest one we have and was composed in the late 60's of the first century. Mark's Gospel concentrates on the Kingdom of God, Jesus' identity, and the call to discipleship. But his main theme is Jesus' crucifixion. One New Testament scholar wrote that Mark's Gospel is "a passion narrative with an extended introduction". Another oddity in Mark's account is Jesus' insistence that his divinity should not be made known. This motif is known as the messianic secret, and is possibly Mark's effort to make sure that Jesus is known not as a political messiah that people hoped for, but as the Suffering Servant who would save his people by His cross and resurrection. So, let's take the opportunity this year to read, reflect, and pray with Mark's Gospel and come to a deeper union with our God.

So, we begin this process by asking what did you hear in these readings? In our pericope from Isaiah, the prophet is faced with encouraging the Israelites after returning from exile in Babylon. Faced with guilt and the major task of reconstruction, many gave into despair and feeling abandonment by God. The prophet's mission was, therefore, to help the people know God's merciful love. For indeed! God was their father and redeemer. How often we feel deserted by God, and we need to remember God is loving and tender and wants what's best for us. Then in the Gospel, Jesus proclaims a message that marks the beginning of Advent and each liturgical year...be watchful...be alert. As we prepare for Jesus' first coming in the flesh, the Church focuses our attention on another coming...the second and final coming of the Christ. And our posture must be one of watchfulness and prayer.

How do we wait and watch? Between Jesus' first coming in the flesh and his final coming at the end of the world, we have his coming each day in our lives. For us to be prepared, we must every day be alert to his presence in our family, our work, our prayer...everything we do. However, this awareness is often blurred and distorted by the world, and what the world tells us is important. At this time of year, we feel and sense the world's allurements more than ever. The world is telling us our happiness lies in buying more, consuming more, even in doing more. The world says Christmas has arrived. Eat...drink...be merry! The Church, through this season

of Advent and waiting, calls us to look beyond the material, beyond the hustle and bustle, to Jesus' presence and the true happiness it brings us. The Gospel message is don't be caught off guard by the world but wait and search for what brings true peace, joy, and fulfillment.

So, what will these readings demand of us? I think, first and foremost, they demand of us a prayerful spirit of waiting. Let's take extra time in this busy season of holiday preparation to be quiet in prayer...to spend time reading God's word and asking what God wants us to do. Prayer is more about listening and waiting than speaking and doing. Secondly, this season of Advent, which is four weeks of preparing for the Christmas season, demands that we reach out to those who are suffering, lonely, depressed and giving them the best present of all...our love and attention. As we begin this new liturgical year, let's refocus our lives on God's kingdom and its demands.

*Deacon Steve...*



Anointing of the Sick will be administered next Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> following Mass.

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



2021 Calendars are at the entrances. Special thanks to Hyle & Ann Huginin from Hays Memorial Chapel for once again providing the calendars for our parish.

Thank you for your generous support last week for the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! As a parish, we raised \$95.00 to support those on the margins who are living in poverty in the United States. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections).



**2021 Mass Intentions** are now being accepted. Due to current schedule of two Masses per week, please limit to 3 intention requests. Stipends remain \$10.00 per Mass.

**Contact Lilly to schedule ~ 623-8000.**

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If you missed donating to First Call for Help of Ellis County, at the Thanksgiving Day Mass, it is not too late. These funds assist transients traveling through Hays as well as local families in Ellis County. Mark your envelope and/or check 'First Call for Help'. The Gospel calls us to social justice for our brothers and sisters, please give generously.

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### ***Spiritual Warfare!***

Listen to Divine Mercy Radio Fall Care-a-Thon  
*December 1-4* Radio @ 105.7 – Phone app – Echo --  
@dvmercy.com – Live on Facebook & YouTube:

#### **Tuesday, Dec. 1**

7 am – George Toman & Donetta Robben  
9:30 am – Rachel Wentling – Principal HFE  
2 pm – Christian Lutz & Cory Munsch – Spiritual realty & confirmation

#### **Wednesday, Dec. 2**

8 am – George Toman – Ralph Martin's book, Crisis in the Church  
9:30 am – Chad Meitner – Principal of TMP-Marian  
2 pm – Fr. Damian Richards  
5 pm – Dave DiNuzzo – A parent's role in fighting spiritual warfare for and with their children

#### **Thursday, Dec. 3**

7 am – Cody Marintzer – The spiritual attack on children and teens  
1 pm – Darin Reed – Blessed Michael J. McGivney  
4 pm – Geoff Andrews – Superintendent of Schools, Diocese of Salina  
5 pm – Adam Urban – Discernment of Spirits

#### **Friday, Dec. 4**

7 am – Bill Meagher  
8 am – Joe Dellesega – Father Kapaun's Second Miracle  
4 pm – Bishop Gerald Vincke – Purgatory & the Poor Souls



32<sup>nd</sup> Annual National Night of Prayer for Life will be on Tuesday, Dec. 8, from 8pm to 12am, at St. Joseph Church, will participate in the National Night of Prayer for Life. Join us for prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament "Can you not spend at least one hour with me?" This is a Heartland Parishes of Ellis County Event. For

additional information contact Kevin at 785-625-7356, at the parish office.

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**NOVEMBER** – Join us as we work to end the scourge of human trafficking. U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking. ([www.sistersagainsttrafficking.org](http://www.sistersagainsttrafficking.org)). a 501© 3 organization. 2039 N Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131.

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Special Intentions, Ramona Weigel, Curt Brungardt, Carole Carter, Stan Herrmann, 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.*

Adoration Chapel needs someone to cover these hours:

**Friday 1:00am & 6:00am & 10:00pm & 11:00pm**

**Saturday 5:00PM & 11:00PM**

The Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel, at 1805 Vine St., IHM Church is open 24/7. Jesus is waiting for you. If you wish to sign up for an hour, please call: Bob & Carol Feauto: 628-1429; Lorraine Brungardt 625-3021; Yvonne Demuth: 656-9543; or Geri Rupp: 639-5588.

*May this Season remind you  
of the hope, joy, love and peace found in Christ.  
...Romans 15:13*

#### CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



#### HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Rachel Wentling, Principal  
625-3131

You can support HFE by recycling your aluminum cans in our trailer across the street North of the school/church in the small gravel parking lot on 19th! Try the new BoxTops for Education app on your phone or devices! You have 2 weeks to scan your store receipts to earn our school points \$\$ automatically, from your phone! We can give your pulltabs to HHS for the Ronald McDonald Houses of America! Thanks for your continued support!!!

Holy Family Elementary is seeking temporary part-time help in ONE area! We need extra hands assisting our school custodians! If you are interested in working for us in one of these areas, or want to learn more details, please contact the school at 785-625-3131 or stop by between 7:30am – 4pm.



#### THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN

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

**Lighting the Darkness.** A long standing tradition is returning to our Heartland Parishes Catholic Schools. On Monday December 7<sup>th</sup>, we will light the winter darkness and celebrate the Advent season in the Grotto at TMP-Marian. Trees and candles will be lit, songs will be sung and played, cider and hot chocolate will be served. Many details are still in the works but if you or your business would like to be a part of this joyful event, please email Kim Stoecklein at [stoeckleink@tmpmarian.org](mailto:stoeckleink@tmpmarian.org) from a student at TMP-Marian or online at [tmp-m.org](http://tmp-m.org) you are eligible to win cash prizes twice daily every day of December!

St. Thomas More Society We ask for your prayers and continued support for the St. Thomas More Society (STMS), the largest operational fund for TMP-Marian and Holy Family Elementary. Soon the annual campaign will arrive in homes and we pray that it will be met with generosity for the future of Catholic education. This year, the STMS is called upon to raise \$520,000. For questions or to contribute to the STMS, please contact Troy Ruda at [rudat@tmpmarian.org](mailto:rudat@tmpmarian.org).

Subs NEEDED! We are thankful TMP-M and HFE students have been learning in-person this school year but navigating the path of education in this pandemic is not an easy task and we are in need of substitute teachers. If interested, please contact Chad Meitner at [meitnerc@tmpmarian.org](mailto:meitnerc@tmpmarian.org) or Rachel Wentling at [rwentling@hfefhays.org](mailto:rwentling@hfefhays.org). Per diem paid for service.



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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.*