

# 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 785-623-8000

## FINANCE/PASTORAL COUNCIL

### CHAIRPERSON

John Moeder 785-623-1338

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Ann Pfannenstiel 785-628-8458  
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## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

### GRAND KNIGHT

Donovan Richmeier 785-623-0417

## CHRISTIAN MOTHERS PRESIDENT

Jane Younger 785-259-3374

## 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 785-625-3131

www.hfehays.org

Thomas More Prep-Marian 785-625-6577

www.tmp-m.org

**Sunday, December 29, 2024 ~ Feast of the Holy Family**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Sun. Dec 29 8:00 am L/D Herman & Rosie Leiker fam  
 Wed. Jan 1 8:00 am Randy & Michelle Werth fam  
 Sun. Jan 5 8:00 am +Ruth Zimmerman  
 Wed. Jan 8 7:30 am +Curt Pfannenstiel

**SERVERS**

Sun Dec 29 Ahnalyne Leiker & Reyllyn Leiker  
 Wed Jan 1 Hayley Gerstner & Trenton Staley  
 Sun Jan 5 Makailyn Leiker & Rexton Leiker

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Sun Dec 29 Amy P, Peggy R, Wendy R, Tony S.  
 Wed Jan 1 Lilly B, Ken R, Josh W, Tina W.  
 Sun Jan 5 Jenalyn L, Lauren M, Rhonda S, Michelle W.

**LECTORS**

**OFFERTORY GIFTS**

Sun Dec 29	Lilly Binder	K of C Members
Wed Jan 1	John Moder	Randi & Niki Ruder
Sun Jan 5	Nathan Leiker	Tony & Patty Rohr

**GREETERS**

Sun Dec 29 K of C Members  
 Wed Jan 1 David & Claudia Leiker  
 Sun Jan 5 John & Amy Moeder

**COLLECTION TEAM**

**Sunday, December 29**

Larry Koirth, Mark Leiker, Nathan Leiker, John Moeder

**Wednesday, January 1 ~ Volunteers**

**Sunday, January 5**

Ernie Binder, Aaron Dome, Kyle Jones, Darold Younker

**Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure**

Envelopes	\$5,275.00	<b>Christmas</b>
Loose	\$1,190.00	Envelopes \$1,610.00
		Loose \$530.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,465.00</b>	<b>Total \$2,140.00</b>

**FROM THE DESK OF FATHER DAMIAN**

Visits: 22  
 Holy Hours: 25  
 Fast & Abstain: 28 days  
 Confessions: 89  
 Anointings: 28  
 Viaticum/Apostolic Pardons (Given in danger of death): 5  
 Five for Seven on Sacraments: Mass, Confession, Anointing, Baptism, Marriage

**Weekly Schedule:**

Monday: 7:00am Mass  
 Tuesday: 7:00 am Mass  
 Wednesday: 7:30 am Mass in Munjor; 1:30 pm Mass at Homestead  
 Thursday: 7:00 am Mass  
 Friday: 7:00 am Mass  
 Saturday: 4:00 Confessions; 5:00 Mass  
 Sunday: 7:30 am Munjor Confessions; 8:00 am Munjor Mass; 9:00 am Confessions; 9:30 am Mass; 10:30 am Confessions; 11:00 am Mass

- 11/1 Hospital Visits
- 11/3 Baptized Millie Basgall
- 11/3 Blessed Munjor Cemetery
- 11/3 TMP Chili Soup Supper
- 11/4 Plainville Parish Council
- 11/5 Hospital Visits
- 11/5 Munjor Stag
- 11/5 Liturgy Commission
- 11/6 Hospital Visits
- 11/6 Deanery Meeting
- 11/7 Hays Area Young Catholics
- 11/8 & 9: Vigil & Funeral for Kenny Pfannenstiel
- 11/9 Daughters of Isabella Banquet
- 11/10 New Parishioner Welcome
- 11/11 Stockton Parish Council
- 11/12 Hospital Visits
- 11/12 Jail Visit
- 11/13 TMP School Board
- 11/13 Joint Meeting of TMP School Board & School Finance Committee
- 11/14 Plainville Finance Council
- 11/16 Kenny Micek Funeral
- 11/16 Fourth Degree Dinner
- 11/18 Evangelization Committee
- 11/19 Mass at TMP
- 11/19 TMP Girls' Retreat
- 11/22 & 23 Herrman/Buessing Rehearsal & Wedding
- 11/24 Rededication Mass at IHM
- 11/25 Plainville School Board
- 11/26 St. Nick's Parish Council
- 11/30 Decorated for Advent

Read "Holy Angels."  
 Saw "Big Fish" at TMP  
 Saw "Radium Girls" at HHS  
 Read "Flannery O'Connor's Short Stories"  
 Read "Pastoral Commentary on Canon Law"

**Coffee, Rolls and Conversation** following Mass next Sunday. Parishioners invited to bring items. Thank you!

**NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE**

**December 31, 2024, (Tues.) Vigil - Solemnity of Mary**

IHM - 5:30pm English, 7:30pm Spanish

St. Joseph - 5:00pm

St. Nicholas - 5:00pm

**January 1, 2025, (Wed.) Solemnity of Mary**

Antonino - 7:00pm

Catherine - 9:00am I

HM - 5:30pm English

**>>> Munjor - 8:00am <<<**

**EVENTS IN THE HEARTLAND**



**“Early New Years Eve” Dance** Sunday, Dec. 29, from 2 to 5pm, at the Rose Garden Ballroom, 230 E. 8<sup>th</sup> St., Hays. The Hot Shots Band will be providing the music. Cost is \$8.00. This event is open to the public. Sponsored by the Sunflower Polka Club. For more information, call 620-897-7778.

*Christmas Poinsettias in Memory/Honor of...*

*Janet Crawford*

*Benjamin & Diana Dome*

*Les & Lynette Callahan Gross*

*Greyson Jones*

*Herman & Farron Leiker*

*Pat & Pauline Miller*

*Curt Pfannenstiel*

*Tony Seib*

*Nick & Almeda Stecklein*

*Dustin Steinert*

*Thank you also for all the unnamed donations.*



**2025 Offering Envelopes.** Several boxes remain in the vestibule.

**BIBLE REFLECTION ~ STEWARDSHIP GOAL**

*“See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.” (1 JOHN 3:1)* During this season of giving, let us remember a beautiful gift that we have received – being children of God! As God’s children, it’s in our DNA that we share and express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children, other family members and friends that you love them, every day! Also, pray for those people that are different than you, those that you may not like or those that go out of their way to annoy you. Your prayers may be the start of a new friendship.

 Mike Suppes, Special Intentions, Becky Robben, Maya Gottschalk, Carla Meier, Terry Hauschel, Theo Leiker, Chris Brull, Carol Carter, Parishioners in Health Care Facilities.

*Drop requests in the collection basket or let Lilly know.*

*Please let Lilly know when the intention can be removed.*



*Hays area Catholics:*

*We are starting up a Rosary initiative at the Hays Medical Center Chapel on Thursdays at 10:00 AM and are looking for volunteers willing to lead the Rosary there. We are needing enough volunteers so that you would lead it once every quarter. If you would like to be one of our Rosary leaders, or to find out more information, please contact:*

*Cody Marintzer at*

*marintzer00@gmail.com*

Ich wuensch euch ion Glueckseliges neues Jahr, langes Leben, Gesundthelt Friede und Eingkeit, noch Eurem Tot, die ewige, Glueckseligkeit!

I wish you a prosperous New Year, long life, health, happiness and contentment. And after your death, eternity.



**Great Opportunity, Hays, KS Comeau Catholic Campus Center**

The Comeau Catholic Campus Center is accepting resumes for a full-time Campus Minister position. The Campus Minister oversees the student leadership team in various aspects and coordinates the Catholic Tigers weekly events. This includes initiating and managing the calendar of retreats, events, speakers, trips, etc. to make sure they are in line with the Skills desired include ability to work with various constituencies, excellent communication and interpersonal skills, cultivating college students, and thoroughness in planning events. The Campus Minister must be rooted in the Catholic faith, with a mission to bring college students to Christ. This position is full time with a competitive benefits package. For the complete job description or more information contact Sandy Losey at 785-259-1222 or [sandy.losey@catholictigers.org](mailto:sandy.losey@catholictigers.org). Resumes must be submitted by January 31, 2025.

**CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS**



**HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY**

Mandy Meagher Principal  
(785) 625-3131

- Dec 23 - NO SCHOOL—Christmas Break
- Jan 6
- Jan 7 School Resumes

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! Simply bring by a trash bag of them to drop off anytime!



**THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN**

Chad Meitner, Principal

Melissa Schoepf, Jr. High Assistant Principal  
(785) 625-6577

- Dec 23 - NO SCHOOL—Christmas Break
- Jan 6

**Monarch For A Day.** Thursday, January 16th 8 am - noon. Open to any 5th - 8th grader. Lunch included & transportation provided upon request. To register contact Melissa Schoepf 785-625-6577

Thanks to our stewardship model, we can keep student fees low. Our student fees are 60%-65% lower than similar Catholic schools. This is due to those individuals that developed this model, and to the Heartland Parishes community. We are creating a plan to ensure Catholic education in Hays is here for a long time to come. Which means this plan will likely include fee increases at some point in the near future. This will include a robust, income-based fee assistance model to help all families access Catholic Education. As you are all stakeholders in Catholic education, we will continue to provide future updates. Please help us in this invaluable ministry to our youth:

- Pray for the success and endurance of our Hays Catholic Schools.
- Continue supporting your parish.
- Join and contribute to the St. Thomas More Society.
- Include the TMP Endowment in your estate plan.
- Support our annual fundraisers.

God Bless and Go Monarchs!  
Hays Catholic Schools Financial Advisory Committee



“**May the Holy Family**, who had to overcome many painful trials, watch over all the families in the world, especially those who are experiencing difficult situations.

May the Holy Family also help men and women of culture and political leaders so that they may defend the institution of the family, based on marriage, and so that they may sustain the family as it confronts the grave challenges of the modern age!

May Christian families find the light and strength to be united and to grow as the ‘domestic church’ especially in their diligent participation in the celebration of the Eucharist on Sunday.

*Saint John Paul II, – Prayer from Angelus Message for the Feast of the Holy Family 2004*

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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.*

# A MILLION MEMORARES *for hope*

EVERY PARISH ACROSS THE DIOCESE WILL HAVE SPECIAL POSTCARDS DESIGNED SPECIFICALLY FOR THIS CHALLENGE AVAILABLE FOR PARISHIONERS.

ON THE POSTCARD, INDIVIDUALS ARE ABLE TO WRITE A SPECIAL INTENTION, AS WELL AS SHARE WHAT GIVES THEM HOPE. FOR EVERY CARD FILLED OUT, THE INDIVIDUAL IS CHALLENGED TO PRAY ONE HUNDRED MEMORARES.

ONCE COMPLETED, THE CARD CAN BE MAILED TO THE CHANCERY. UPON RECEIPT, BISHOP VINCKE WILL TAKE THE TIME TO PRAY OVER THE CARDS, LIFTING UP THE INTENTIONS OF THOSE WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED.

THE GOAL IS TO HAVE A MILLION MEMORARES PRAYED, CREATING A POWERFUL WAVE OF HOPE THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY. EVERYONE IS INVITED TO JOIN IN SEEKING GRACE AND STRENGTH THROUGH THE INTERCESSION OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP.

**PLEASE TAKE ONE AND PRAY WITH US FOR HOPE!**



DIOCESE OF SALINA  
**JUBILEE 2025**  
PILGRIMS OF HOPE

## **HAYS CATHOLIC MOMS MINISTRY – KICKOFF!**

**Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup> in the IHM Basement following the 8 AM Mass**

*Come meet other faith-filled moms and learn more about our new ministry! The childcare room, now furnished with toys, will be open and breakfast treats will be provided.*

- Our ministry goal is to support moms in living their vocation according to God's plan by accessing the sacraments, building faithful community, and uplifting their families through prayer.
- Join us throughout each month at daily Mass, confession, and other planned social events.
- Birth blessings, a kid-free rosary and social time to offer prayers for expecting mothers, and meal trains will be provided for every family welcoming a new baby.

**For questions or to join our group communication app, please contact:**

— *Patty Cummings* 785-259-4400 or *Julie Berg* 785-443-4170