

# St. Francis of Assisi Church

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



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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](http://www/hfehays.org)

Thomas More Prep-Marian 785-625-6577

[www.tmp-m.org](http://www.tmp-m.org)

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Sun. Nov 24 8:00 am Deceased K of C Members  
 Wed. Nov 27 7:30 am Josh & Tina Waddell  
 Sun. Dec 1 8:00 am L/D Tony & Wilma Seib fam  
 Wed. Dec 4 7:30 am +Donna Leiker

**SERVERS**

Sun Nov 24 Ahnaly Leiker & Reylyn Leiker  
 Sun Dec 1 Hayley Gerstner & Trenton Staley

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Sun Nov 24 John M, Tony S, Josh W, Tina W.  
 Sun Dec 1 Lilly B, Jenalyn L, Nathan L, Wendy R.

**LECTORS OFFERTORY GIFTS**

Sun Nov 24 Lauren Moeder Glenn & Rhonda Stramel  
 Sun Dec 1 Natalie Oborny Sid & Joanne Steinert

**GREETERS**

Sun Nov 24 Jason & Rose Carter  
 Sun Dec 1 Jason & Kacy Gerstner

**COLLECTION TEAM**

**Sunday, November 24**

John Moeder, Tony Rohr, Trenton Staley, Neal Younger

**Sunday, December 1**

Aaron Dome, Jeff Richmeier, Josh Waddell, Darold Younker

**TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS**

Sunday, December 1 Ernie & Lilly Binder  
 Sunday, December 8 Linda Gross  
 Sunday, December 15 Darold & Evelyn Younker  
 Sunday, December 22 Jason & Rose Carter

Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure	
Envelopes	\$1,511.00
Loose	\$133.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,644.00</b>



**FROM THE DESK OF CODY MARINTZER**

**My kingdom does not belong to this world."**

Jesus is a conundrum to Pilate for Pilate doesn't know what to do as he finds no fault in Jesus and wants to let Him go, but is afraid of what the crowds will do if he does. You can almost feel the mood in the room as Pilate questions Jesus, trying to figure this man out and keep control. Then in the midst of what Christ knows are his final moments, He tells Pilate what really matters: "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews."

Someone who fights for the kingdoms of this world has their sights set on fleeting things. Pilate is worried about his job, status, and possibly his own skin, but Jesus reveals the deeper Truth. If He had come to conquer Rome, it would be happening as they spoke. His Kingship poses no threat to the Roman occupation in regard to military resistance, but does pose a threat to their attachment to money, power, fame, etc. To those who only want power and control, power will always rule over them. But, to those who follow the Truth, the things that pass away in this world are just a stepping stone to the next.

Jesus' final statement in today's Gospel cuts to the heart of it: "Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." Pilate struggles with wanting to do the right thing and I even get a sense that he understands to some degree that Jesus is no ordinary man. Yet, when the rubber meets the road, we all know how it ends. Pilate chooses power and control over Truth. The savior of the world was offering Him the way and he couldn't accept the cost.


Where are we in our faith lives? Are we Pilates who just can't let go of control, or are we Truth seekers who may not know the full cost, but won't let that stop us from listening to Jesus' voice?




**MANGER BABY BLESSING!** There will be a Manger Baby Blessing next Sunday, December 1st. Parishioners are encouraged to bring the Baby Jesus from the nativity/manger scene at their homes and place them on a table near the sanctuary. The Blessing will take place after the General Intercessions. Baby Jesus's can then be picked up by families to take back home with them at the conclusion of Mass.

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception.** As the Feast of the Immaculate Conception normally falls on December 8th, this year December 8th will be celebrated as the Second Sunday of Advent. The Feast of the Immaculate Conception has been moved to Monday, December 9th as a Holy Day of Obligation our Mass is 6:00 p.m.


**Perpetual Adoration Chapel openings:** Saturdays, 8pm; Tuesdays, 10am (Needs second adorer); and Thursdays, 3am. Contact Geri Rupp 785-639-5588.



**2025 Mass Intentions** are now being accepted.  
Please limit to 3 requests.  
Stipends \$10.00 per Mass.  
Contact Lilly to schedule ~ 785-623-8000




**2025 CALENDARS** are available at the entrances. Please extend a thank you to Hyle and Ann Hugunin, Hays Memorial Chapel for making these calendars available.



**Thanksgiving Thank You!**  
As we approach this special day to reflect on the many things to be thankful for, this is especially true for the numerous things we as St. Francis of Assisi Parishioners are grateful for; those who assist with the various ministries at Mass, provide music and song, decorate the church so beautifully so we can enjoy and appreciate the various Liturgical Seasons, those who serve on our Pastoral Council, share your gifts of treasure, all the volunteers who maintain our grounds, take care of maintenance on buildings, as well as many behind the scenes things that get done. We are especially thankful for Fr. Damian for shepherding our parish allowing us to participate in the Sacred Mass as well as various other ways he shares his ministry which enhances our Catholic Faith. We are 'Thankful' for all of you!

**FINANCE LEADERSHIP IHM** Parish, Hays is accepting resumes for the position of Business/Office Manager. The Business Manager directs and oversees all financial activities for a very busy parish. This role is responsible for monthly financial reporting, providing analysis of reports and data, audits, internal controls, asset management and advising the Pastor and Finance Council in financial matters. Is able to demonstrate knowledge and skills in financial analysis, report preparation, and budgeting. Healthcare contract experience preferred. To submit a resume, request a full job description or to ask questions about this opportunity, please email Kim Hoelting, HR Director at [kim.hoelting@salinadiocese.org](mailto:kim.hoelting@salinadiocese.org).



Mike & Bea 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.

**EVENTS IN THE HEARTLAND**

**STARS and STRIPES BREAKFAST** at the VFW, 22nd and Vine St, Dec. 8, from 7:30am to noon. Advance tickets sold benefits the St. Nicholas Ladies Guild. For tickets contact Clare Gustin at 785-635-3511. Advance tickets are \$11.50 for Adults, \$6.50 for Children, under 5 are Free

**National Night of Prayer**

Asking each of you to pray to the Holy Spirit discerning your degree of involvement in the National Night of Prayer for Life. This is held across our nation on December 8th. The focus of our prayer will be asking Our Blessed Mother to protect Life and the Family, to renew the Church, establish Peace, and inspire Courage in the soul of our nation. This is a tri-parish and Comeau Catholic Campus Center event being held at St. Nicholas this year. It will start with Eucharistic Exposition at 7pm, and continue with prayer and praises, hymns, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the Rosary, prayer to St Michael, and more. This event spans all four time zones uniting our country in prayer. The evening will end with Benediction at 10pm.

**“Joy of the Gospel”**  
Tune into Divine Mercy Radio’s Care-a-thon December 3 – December 6 where we will discover Joy in the Gospel. Of particular interest for (KMDG/Parish/Area) is or are:


**Tuesday, December 3**  
7am - Ethan Lang – Faith Driven Finance  
8am – Bill Meagher  
9am – Rick Binder and TMP Students  
10am - Cory Munsch & Christian Lutz  
2pm – Fr. Damian Richards  
4pm - Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

**Wednesday, December 4**  
7am – Donetta Robben – The Virtues of Mary  
8am – Fr. Brian McCaffery  
9am – Fr. Curtis Carlson  
10am – Fr. Joshua Werth  
1pm -Leonard Schoenberger  
2pm – Jeanne Riedel & Cindy Schulte  
4pm – Fr. Andy Hammeke

**Thursday, December 5**  
7am – Dr. Abe Fisher  
1pm – Fr. Nick Parker  
5pm – Molly Boll

**Friday, December 6**  
7am – Maggie Baalman  
8am – Annie Sandmeier  
9am – Dr. Christine Mugridge  
10am - Fr. Gary Selin – Archdiocese of Denver  
1pm – Katie Hamel  
2pm – Bishop Gerald Vincke  
4pm – Father Fred Gatschet

Full schedule at [dvmercy.com](http://dvmercy.com). For trivia and pledges call 785.621.4110. Listen on radio, computer, phone app or Alexa. Live on Rumble, Facebook and YouTube.





**FHSU Cathedral Christmas Concert** Sunday, December 8th 3:30 p.m. in the “Cathedral of the Plains” The Basilica of St. Fidelis. The concert is free and open to the public.

**CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS**



**HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY**

Mandy Meagher Principal  
(785) 625-3131

- Nov 25 4th Gr. Gifts-in-a-Jar Fundraiser
- Nov 26 School Masses Resume in IHM Church
- Nov 27-29 NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break

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

- Nov 25 (JH) Bingo Night
- Nov 27-29 NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break  
5:30 pm Late Night at Al Billinger Fieldhouse
- Nov 30 TMP-M Jamboree Basketball (TBA)

**NOVEMBER Human Trafficking Alert** Give thanks that there are resources to educate us about the evils of modern-day slavery (human trafficking). Take advantage of the sources and raise your awareness of the plight of persons being bought and sold. Alliance to End Human Trafficking— Founded and supported by U.S. Catholic Sisters, 7575 Grand River Ave. 1-1009, Brighton, MI 48114.



**BIBLE REFLECTION ~ STEWARDSHIP GOAL**

“Jesus answered, ‘My kingdom does not belong to this world.’ (JOHN 18:36) Life is short. How much time, energy and money do you put into building “your” kingdom here on earth? We all know we can’t take it with us. The real kingdom is in the next life. Yet, how much time, energy and money do you invest in working for that eternal kingdom? Ask God for His guidance. Detach from earthly possessions. Generously share your material goods with others for the greater glory of God.



**Family Perspective ...Bud Ozar**

When we are young, our parents “tell us about Jesus” and we believe what our parents believe. At some point we must leave our parents faith and ask Pilate’s question: “Are you the King?’ Pilate is just asking these questions on our behalf.

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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.*

## 2024 - Advent/Christmas Schedule - 2025

Our Lady Help of Christians - Antonino  
St. Anthony - Schoenchen  
St. Catherine - Catharine

St. Joseph - Hays  
Immaculate Heart of Mary - Hays  
St. Nicholas of Myra - Hays

St. Francis of Assisi - Munjor  
ComEAU Catholic Campus Center

### December 3, 2024 - (Tues.)

St. Nicholas - Advent Adoration/Confessions, 7:00pm

### December 8, 2024 - (Sun.)

St. Nicholas - National Night of Prayer 7pm - 10pm

### December 9, 2024 - (Mon.) Immaculate Conception

CCC - Confessions 8:30-9:00, Mass 9:15pm

Catherine - 7:00pm

IHM - 6:45am, 8:00am HFE

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

Munjor - 6:00pm

Schoenchen - 7:00pm

St. Joseph - 6:30am, 12:05pm, 5:30pm

St. Nicholas - 7:00am, 12:10pm

### December 10, 2024 - (Tues.)

St. Nicholas - Advent Adoration/Confessions, 7:00pm

### December 11, 2024 - (Wed.)

IHM - 10:00pm rosary/Rosario, 11:00pm. Danza & 12:00am  
Mananitas following with bread and chocolate.

### December 12, 2024 - (Thurs.), Our Lady of Guadalupe

IHM - 5:00pm Carava/Vehicle Procession, 5:00pm Danza,

IHM - 6:30pm Mass/Misa with Fiesta following in the Parish  
Hall in the church basement.

### December 15, 2024 - Third Sunday of Advent

IHM - Communal Reconciliation Service. 3:00pm

Munjor - Holy Hour/Confessions, 2:00pm

### December 16, 2024 - (Mon.)

IHM - Posadas at 7:00 p.m. in the HFE Activity Center

### December 17, 2024 - (Tues.)

St. Nicholas - Advent Adoration/Confessions, 7:00pm

IHM - Posadas at 7:00 p.m. in the HFE Activity Center

### December 18, 2024 - (Wed.)

IHM - Posadas at 7:00 p.m. in the HFE Activity Center

### December 19, 2024 - (Thur.)

IHM - Posadas at 7:00 p.m. in the HFE Activity Center

St. Joseph - Adoration 7:00m - **7:30pm**

St. Joseph - Confessions 12:00 - 1:00pm

St. Joseph - Confessions 4:30pm - 7:30pm

### December 20, 2024 - (Fri.)

IHM - Posadas at 7:00 p.m. in the HFE Activity Center

### December 21, 2024 - (Sat.)

IHM - Posadas at 7:00 p.m. in the HFE Activity Center

### December 22, 2024 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

IHM - Posadas at 7:00 p.m. in the HFE Activity Center

### December 23, 2024 - (Mon.)

IHM - Posadas at 7:00 p.m. in the HFE Activity Center

### December 24, 2024 - (Tues.) Christmas Eve

Antonino - 4:00pm

IHM - 4:00pm & 10:00pm (Bilingual)

Munjor - 7:00pm

Schoenchen - 6:00pm

St. Joseph - 5:00pm, 11:30pm Choir Music, Mass at Midnight

St. Nicholas - 5:00pm

### December 25, 2024 - (Wed.) Christmas Day

CCC - 9:00am

IHM - 9:00am, & 12:00pm Spanish (No evening Mass)

St. Catharine - 9:00am

St. Joseph - 7:30am, 10:30am

St. Nicholas - 9:30am

### December 26, 2024 - (Thurs.)

IHM - No Masses or Confessions

### 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

IHM - 5:30pm English

Munjor - 8:00am

St. Joseph - 8:00am

St. Nicholas - 9:30am



Ellis County Ministerial Alliance

# Thanksgiving FEAST

November

**28**

11AM - 1PM

Looking to volunteer?  
Call 785-623-2800 to  
sign-up!



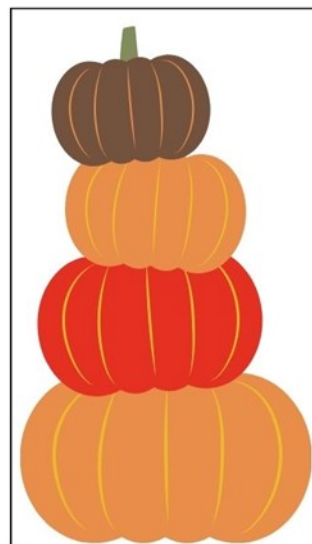
Every household in attendance will  
be sent home with a bag of groceries!

## FREE MEALS

No reservation needed!  
We will serve until we run out of food!

### Kansas National Guard 200 Main St. - Hays

If you are elderly, homebound, or  
disabled you may register for  
delivery by calling 785-623-2800  
(M-F 8:00-12:00 & 1:00-4:30 PM)  
Limited delivery spots available.



[www.ourecma.com](http://www.ourecma.com)

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