

# 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 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. Jan 15	8:00 am	+Carol Schlegel
Wed. Jan 18		*** NO MASS ***
Sun. Jan 22	8:00 am	+Albert & Felicitas Zimmerman
Wed. Jan 25	7:30 am	L/D Marvin & Mary Jo Braun fam

**SERVERS**

Sunday, Jan. 15	Hayley Gerstner & Rexton Leiker
Sunday, Jan. 22	Jacob Leiker & Logan Leiker

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Sunday, Jan 15	Jenalyn Leiker & Deacon Steve
Sunday, Jan 22	Wendy Richmeier & Michelle Werth

**LECTORS                      OFFERTORY GIFTS**

Sun. Jan 15	Gene Gottschalk	Aaron & Kolleen Dome
Sun. Jan 22	John Moeder	Jason & Rose Carter

**GREETERS**

Sunday, January 15	David & Claudia Leiker
Sunday, January 22	Herman & Rosie Leiker

**COLLECTION TEAM**

**Sunday, January 8**

Larry Koirth, Mark Leiker, Ken Richmeier, Sid Steinert

**Sunday, January 15**

David Leiker, John Oborny, Josh Waddell, Darold Younker

**TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS**

Sunday, January 15	Jeff & Wendy Richmeier
Sunday, January 22	Deanna Leiker
Sunday, January 29	Randy & Michelle Werth
Sunday, February 5	Mark & Dora Leiker

**Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure**

Envelopes	\$1,923.00
Loose	\$163.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,086.00</b>



**REFLECTION FROM DEACON STEVE URBAN**

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6  
 1 Corinthians 1:1-3  
 John 1:29-34

In this year's liturgical calendar, we began with a bang... four weeks of Advent or preparation followed the sixteen days of the Christmas season. This week we begin the second Sunday of "Ordinary Time". Yet, as I have written before, "Ordinary Time" in the liturgical calendar does not mean mundane or ho-hum. "Ordinary Time" really refers to ordinal numbers or the way we count the Sundays in our liturgy. It is a way of ordering time. As theologian P. Jounel said, "These Sundays...are Sundays in a pure state. They have no secondary traits but simply embody the very essence of the Christian Sunday or Lord's Day as presented to us in the tradition of the Church. Each of them is an Easter, each a feast".

Two aspects of this mystery of Easter that I wish to concentrate on this Second Sunday in Ordinary Time are the titles: servant of God and Lamb of God. The word servant, used in the first reading, describes the role of Israel in the Old Testament and the role of Jesus in the New Testament. The title Lamb of God harkens back to the Old Testament and the lamb used in the Passover celebration and to Jesus and his sacrifice in the New Testament on the cross. Both titles describe a person who is willing to give up their self and their wants and needs in order to help serve others. If we are to follow Jesus and become true disciples, we too must be willing to sacrifice ourselves for his kingdom.

In our first reading from the prophet Isaiah, we hear one of the four servant songs used to encourage the people of Israel who were in slavery in Babylon. The term servant was referring to the entire nation of Israel who had been chosen or elected by God when he called them out of slavery in Egypt. God established a covenant with his people and made them his chosen ones. Yet time and time again, they turned from God and wandered away from his love. After being led into the Babylonian captivity, God used a pagan king by the name of Cryus, the king of Persia, to bring them back to their homeland. In commenting on today's reading, Patricia Sanchez says that this return from Babylon to their homeland is a prefigurement of what Jesus will accomplish on the cross when he returns us to the Father's love. Jesus is truly the faithful servant who gives up himself to save others.

In today's Gospel, we hear the evangelist John's rendition of how John the Baptist saw his relationship to Christ. John the Baptist realized he was not the Christ, but merely the forerunner who would point the way to see the Christ. In today's pericope, John used a title for Jesus that all his hearers would understand in relationship to the Passover. John called Jesus the Lamb of God which meant that Jesus would be sacrificed to bring about the redemption of all mankind. Only Jesus, who was Son of God, could accomplish this salvific act through his suffering and death. Jesus shows us the way that we are to live our life as his followers.

As we begin "Ordinary Time" or ordered time, we reflect on

how we will live our lives in 2023. Will we use the 24 hours in each day to serve ourselves and our wants? Or will we use each day and each moment to be truly a servant for God and his world? God has given us the gift of time for our growth and development into becoming his disciples. Every day is precious if we realize that it is a gift from God who loves us and calls us to wholeness and holiness. But we must come to discover our role as servants who use God's gift of time for making this world a better place and preparing ourselves for the eternal kingdom in heaven.

~ Deacon Steve

**Priest Renewal Days.** Priests of the Salina Diocese will be gathering this week in Wichita. We pray they have a spiritual and rest filled retreat. There will be no Mass on Wednesday this week.

>>> Update from Parish Council Meeting <<<

**Garage:**

Replace deteriorating header causing limestone to shift.  
Install new 8 foot garage door.

**Munior School:**

- 1.) Additional electrical outlets to be installed eliminating need to use drop cords.
- 2.) Install new vented soffit around parameter, currently in bad condition allowing birds and bats to enter.
- 3.) Purchased 150 used chairs with racks eliminating the need to move chairs between buildings for functions.
- 4.) Remove 2 non-working ovens for scrap metal.
- 5.) Redesign the warming unit into counter space.

**Other:**

Purchase scaffolding. Primarily to safely change light bulbs in church as well as other functions.

**EVENTS IN THE HEARTLAND**

**RESPECT LIFE MASS & HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE** will be at St. Joseph Church on Saturday, January 21st at 8:00 with the Holy Hour to follow from 8:30am - 9:30am. All are welcome!

**Gorham D of I Soup Luncheon.** Sunday, January 22 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Menu: Chili, Green Bean & Dump-ling, Chicken & Noddle . Homemade bread, pies and des-serts. Tickets: \$8.00; children 5 and under Free. Carry out quarts \$12.00.

**Hospice Volunteer Training** Wednesday, January 25, 8:30am to 4:30pm Hospice Office at Hays Med 2220 Can-terbury Dr, Hays, KS 67601 Registration is due by Friday, January 6, 2023 Learn about the history and philosophy of Hospice, Advance directives, care of the dying person, spir-ituality, and the role of the volunteer. Our Hospice serves Ellis, Rush, Russell and Rooks Counties.

**HFE Chili Supper & Silent Auction Sunday, January 29th,** 11:00 A.M.—4:00 P.M. MENU: chili, hot chicken sand-wiches on homemade bun, relishes, choice of cinnamon roll or brownie, coffee and tea. Meal tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children (ages 4-12). Tickets are available in advance at the school office or at the door. The raffle is packed full of exciting items. Something for everyone. The Silent Auction and games galore for kids of all ages with awesome prizes to win! All proceeds from the event will be used to make improvements, purchase equipment and add resource materials for Holy Family Elementary School. The time to invest in the future of Catholic education for our chil-dren is now! Thank you for your support.

**Religious Education:** Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

**Knights of Columbus Food for Families** food drive will be January 29. Donation sacks will be available after all Mass next weekend. Please take a sack, place your donations in the sack and return it to church January 29.

**K of C meeting,** Monday, January 23rd at 7:00 p.m.

**Kansas "RALLY FOR LIFE"** THE Kansas "Rally for Life" will be Tuesday, January 24. The Bishops of Kansas en-courage ALL Catholics of Kansas to gather in Topeka to advocate for LIFE! The event begins at 9:00 a.m. with a rally and Mass celebrated by the Bishops of Kansas at the Expo Center in Topeka and ends with a march to the Capi-tol steps in time for the noon Rally for Life.

**Hi, this is Fr. Daryl Olmstead.** I am leading a tour to Israel on September 5 thru the 14, 2023. If you are interested, please let me know. You can contact me by phone or text at: 785-656-0336 or by email: darylolmstead49@gmail.com This is a dream for me to lead a tour to Israel. It is wonderful to be in the land that Jesus was born, lived and died for all of us. I would love to have you join me.



Mike Suppes, Matt Shorman, Rick Werth, Carol Legleiter, Special Intentions, Helen Werth, Becky Robben, Maya Gottschalk, Stan Herrmann, Jerome Herrmann, 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.*

**Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit?...**

*Therefore honor God with your bodies.” 1Corinthians 6:19-20*

It's time to spruce up the “temple.” Get stronger for good health!

Sign up for an eight-week, energizing Stay Strong, Stay Healthy program. This health program is being offered to help you move & get stronger for your health! Adults of all fitness levels are encouraged to participate. Stay Strong, Stay Healthy is an evidence-based program to help individuals learn basic balance and strength-training exercises. Come to the orientation January 26, 2023 at Cottonwood Extension District, 601 Main Street and check out the program to see if it's for you. All the equipment is provided. Take this opportunity to take better care of your health and join others for this fun program. The group will begin meeting twice weekly on February 7, 2023 at Cottonwood Extension District office, 601 Main Street. Each class is approximately an hour long. For more information contact Monique Koerner at 785-628-9430 or moniquek@ksu.edu

## Support Groups

**“NAMI Connections”** Meets 1st & 3rd Monday each month 7 to 8:30pm: Hosted by: NAMI Hays - 103C E. 27th St., Oak Plaza, Hays. For more info e-mail at art@namikansas.org.

**“Healing After Loss”** Support Group meets 1st & 3rd Wednesday each month 10am: Hosted by: Center for Life Experience 103C E. 27th St., Oak Plaza, Hays. RSVP by e-mail at info@cflhope.org or call 785-259- 6859.

**“NAMI Family Support Group”** Meets 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month (in-person or online) – 7 to 8:30pm: Regular Meeting. Hosted by: NAMI Hays - 103C E. 27th St., Oak Plaza, Hays. For more info e-mail at art@namikansas.org.

**“Healing Hearts”** Support Group meets 2nd Thursday each month (in-person) – 6:30pm: Regular Meeting. Hosted by: Center for Life Experience 103C E. 27th St., Oak Plaza, Hays. RSVP by e-mail at info@cflhope.org or call for information 785-259-6859.

## CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



### HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Rachel Wentling, Principal

(785) 625-3131

- Jan. 16 NO SCHOOL  
Jan. 25 After School Care Appreciation Day  
Jan. 26 January Birthday Mass & Lunch  
Vision Screenings 3rd - 6th grades

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! 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, just from your phone! We can give your pulltabs to HHS for the Ronald McDonald Houses of America! Thanks for your continued support!!!



### THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN

Chad Meitner, Principal

Bob Leikam, Jr. High Assistant Principal

(785) 625-6577

- Jan. 16 NO SCHOOL  
Jan. 17 Early Release

### Theotokos Catholic Homeschool Co-op

If you have questions or need to rsvp (all events require rsvp) contact Samantha Baker at 785-639-3285 or 13sjbaker@gmail.com.

*Be somebody who makes everybody  
feel like a somebody.*

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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.*

# Holy Family Elementary

would like to introduce our new early childhood preschool program...



Starting this August, we will be expanding our preschool offerings! We're thrilled to add a 3-year-old preschool program, as well as an extended daycare option for both 3 & 4-year-olds! Plus, our preschool program is expanding to 5 days a week, with a 5-day option for KinderPrep!

*New Family Open House*  
*January 19th @ 5:30pm in Cafeteria*



- Take a tour
- Meet faculty & staff
- Hear from the principal
- View uniforms & technology
- Enjoy refreshments
- Sign your child up
- For children preschool-5th



For more details, head to our website at [www.hfehays.org](http://www.hfehays.org) & click Precious Creations! To sign your child up for any grade, please complete the Prospective Family Form!