

# 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)



**Sunday, May 5, 2024 ~ Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Sun. May 5	8:00 am	L/D Martin J. Staab family
Wed. May 8	7:30 am	+Danny Pfannenstiel, Jr.
Sun. May 12	8:00 am	L/D Christian Mothers
Wed. May 15	7:30 am	+Henry & Loretta Stecklein

**SERVERS**

Sun May 5	Cali Richmeier & Rafe Richmeier
Sun May 12	Alec Gerstner & Ahnaly Leiker

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Sun May 5	Lauren M, Wendy R, Josh W, Tina W.
Sun May 12	Lilly B, Jenalyn L, Nathan L, Dcn Steve.

<b>LECTORS</b>	<b>OFFERTORY GIFTS</b>
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Sun May 5	Nathan Leiker	Sid & Joanne Steinert
Sun May 12	Lauren Moeder	Alan & Juanita Stecklein

**GREETERS**

Sun May 5	Jessica & Luca Albers
Sun May 12	Jason & Rose Carter

**COLLECTION TEAM**

**Sunday, May 5**

Rexton Leiker, Ken Richmeier, Josh Waddell, Randy Werth

**Sunday, May 12**

Jerry Gross, Brian Pfannenstiel, Jeff Richmeier, Tony Rohr

**TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS**

Sunday, May 5	Aaron & Kolleen Dome
Sunday, May 12	Ken & Peggy Richmeier
Sunday, May 19	Mark & Dora Leiker
Sunday, May 26	Ernie & Lilly Binder

<b>Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure</b>	
Envelopes	\$1,526.00
Loose	\$215.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,741.00</b>



**FROM THE DESK OF CODY MARINTZER**

**True love**

No, this title is not a reference to the movie "A Princess Bride" (one of the greatest movies ever). Instead, I titled it this so we may talk about what love really is in comparison to what our world is teaching.

Here is the New Webster's dictionary definition of love:

(1): strong affection for another arising out of kinship or personal ties.

(2): attraction based on sexual desire: affection and tenderness felt by lovers.

(3): affection based on admiration, benevolence, or common interests.

If we are to take our guidance on love from our culture, we would have to boil love down to nothing more than feelings and that is exactly what our world has done.

Instead, I think we can take a page from the Greek language as this is the language the New Testament was originally written in. The Greeks had many different words for love. Some of them did have the affection and feelings understanding of love, but one of them "Agape" was known as the self-sacrificing love. The love that is not based on emotions at all, but is instead based on selfless love that does not ask anything in return. This type of love is not worried about the cost. It pays the cost (no matter what) for the good of the other.

Agape is the Love that Christ has for His Church. It is the love of the Father and the Son poured out on the cross for the salvation of all. This is the love spoken of in today's readings and is why Christ says "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." Notice he doesn't say no one has greater love than this, to have strong feelings and affection for one's friends.

I think this is why our world is so perplexed about Christianity. It is foreign to people's ears to hear "pray for your enemies. Love those who persecute you." Because if love really is just about emotions, then who in the world could be asked to feel good about being treated like dirt?!? However, if love is what Christ tells us it is, we can see what He means. To love the way, He loves can be a great sacrifice, but it brings about salvation.

C.S. Lewis in "Mere Christianity" says: "Do not waste time bothering whether you 'love' your neighbor; act as if you did. As soon as we do this, we find one of the great secrets. When you are behaving as if you loved someone, you will presently come to love him."

I don't think Lewis was saying to just fake it until you make it. I think what he was saying is that if you find someone you don't love, do what you would if you did love them. Forgive

them of their offenses. Pray for their souls. Offer them healing where there can be. In this we live out the true sacrificial nature of the love of Christ. We then find that through this sacrificial love we show to them, we will start to see them as Christ does.

Dear Jesus,

Please give me your mind to think with, your eyes to see with, your ears to hear with, your lips to smile with, and your tongue with which to speak. Please give me your hands to work with, your feet to walk with, and your heart with which to love, that everything I do today, may be done well and for your honor and glory. Amen.



**Congratulations to Elliot Leiker who will be receiving his First Holy Communion at Mass this morning.**

**Catholic Rural Life is hosting a Novena for farmers** May 6<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup>. The Novena is leading to the celebration of St. Isidore's Day on May 15<sup>th</sup>. A different parish will lead the rosary each night at 7pm and will be shared via Zoom. To join every night of the Novena, use the Zoom Meeting ID: 879 4076 7521, Passcode: 388027. Fr. Damian will be leading the rosary on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>.



**Next Sunday following Mass** hosted by the Knights of Columbus. This will be held in the Munjor School Gym and will take the place of the first Sunday of the month social. Everyone is invited.

### 2024 Annual Mission Cooperation

Next Sunday May 12<sup>th</sup>, Fr. Lawrence E. Tucker from the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity (SOLT) will give a mission appeal at our parish. Serving in twelve countries including the United States, SOLT Missionaries bring hope and the love of Jesus and Mary to people living in impoverished conditions. They serve migrant farm workers, refugees, Native Americans, orphans, the elderly, families and those undergoing drug rehabilitation.

SOLT missionaries serve in parishes and schools giving the sacraments and teaching catechism in remote areas. They also care for the needs of the poor through community and family development projects such as clean water, food and medical care. Your generosity makes it possible for these missionaries to bring Christ to the poor.

**Christian Mothers Meeting** Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> following Mass. This will be the last meeting until September.

**Knights of Columbus Meeting** Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm.

## EVENTS IN THE HEARTLAND

**Memorial Mass for parents who have lost a child** will be held in two locations again this year to better accommodate those wishing to attend. On Tuesday, May 7, at 2pm., Mass at St. Thomas More Parish in Manhattan and on Wednesday, May 8, at 2pm., Mass will be held at Sacred Heart Parish in Plainville. A reception will follow both Masses. Registration for the Memorial Mass for parents who have lost a child is now open! Please register for this event here on the diocese's website. <https://salinadiocese.org/events/>

**ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY** (Hays) maintenance men will be preparing the cemetery for mowing and trimming. Please remove any items that are not attached to the monument in order for the staff to mow the cemetery. We ask that you pick up all items by Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

**Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas will be conducting their 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Baby Bottle Campaign** from Mother's Day weekend, May 11-12<sup>th</sup> to Father's Day weekend, June-15-16<sup>th</sup>. This campaign provides support to mothers in our communities facing economic struggles, giving them access to critical resources so they can provide for their babies. Your contributions support: Pregnancy Services That Include Emergency Assistance, Counseling Support, Adoption Guidance. All money stays local and helps people who need our services the most.



### Totus Tuus Save the Date July 21-26

What is Totus Tuus? Totus Tuus is a week-long summer Catholic youth program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic Faith through evangelization, catechesis, Christian witness and Eucharistic worship. Be on the lookout for more information in your upcoming parish bulletin.



Larry Roda, Kenny Pfannenstiel, 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.

**Stewardship Renewal Forms:** To date 53% have been returned. **Do we have yours?** All parish families are asked to return them. Thank you if you have already done so.

*What gifts of time, talent and treasure will you share?*

**Hiring** - Full Time Maintenance Supervisor at St. Joseph Parish, Hays. Responsibilities: repair for the rectory, church campus, buildings and cemeteries; oversees two team members. Hours M-F 7am - 4pm, occasional night and weekend hours. Salary range is \$41,000.00 - \$46,000.00. For more information contact Ann Pfeifer, Parish Business Administrator at 785-625-7356. Applications accepted until position is filled.

**Rachel's Vineyard™** is a safe place to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Weekend retreats offer a supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment where women and men can reconcile past abortion pain and begin the process of restoration.

Next Retreat will be May 31-June 2.

1-877-447-4383

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**BIBLE REFLECTION ~ STEWARDSHIP GOAL**

*"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." - John 15:12-13*

Do you love Jesus? Do you consider Him your friend? Jesus says that if we love Him we would be willing to offer whatever we have to Him, not because we want praise and glory, but simply because we love Him. Does your giving seem mechanical out of obligation or do you share freely out of love?

**BISHOP GERALD VINCKE'S 25th JUBILEE**

Please join us Sunday June 9th to celebrate Bishop Vincke's 25th Jubilee. Mass will be held at 3 P.M. at The Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria. An open house reception will be held from 4-6 P.M. at the Victoria Elementary School gymnasium. RSVP to [corrina.hudsonpillar@salinadiocese.org](mailto:corrina.hudsonpillar@salinadiocese.org) or 639-2100. We hope you can join us for this celebration

**CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS**



**HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY**

Mandy Meagher Principal

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- May 6 All Library Books Due Back  
NO BUS SERVICE
- May 7 2nd Gr. 1st Communion Recognition at Mass
- May 8 Kindergarten Field Trip—Fun Around Hays  
5th Gr. Field Trip to Ameritowne
- May 9 Father's Mass & May Birthday Mass & Lunch
- May 10 No PK—4 Half Day Class  
2nd Grade Field Trip—Church Tours  
Kindergarten Afternoon at Massey



**THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN**

Chad Meitner, Principal

Melissa Schoepf, Jr. High Assistant Principal

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- May 6 (JH) Spring Concert & Awards night 6:30 - 8:30 pm
- May 8 Early Release
- May 10 All School May Crowning - Fieldhouse 8 am  
8th Gr. Mass and Recognition Night 6:30 - 10 pm

**Family Perspective ...Bud Ozar**

Today's gospel challenges us to "love one another as I have loved you." Jesus is our model and he asks us to "lay down our life" (our time, attention, opinions and needs) for each other. This is the sacrament of the family, when God is made visible in our sacrificial love for one another.

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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.*