

# 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  
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



**MASS INTENTIONS**

Sun. Aug 30 8:00 am Children & Young Adults of the Parish  
 Wed. Sep 2 7:30 am +James Leiker  
 Sun. Sept 6 8:00 am +Francis & Glenn Legleiter  
 Wed. Sept 9 7:30 am +Cody Younger

**SERVERS**

Sunday, Aug 30 Rexton Leiker & Daunte Younker  
 Sunday, Sept 6 Alec Gerstner & Logan Leiker

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Sunday, Aug 30 Ernie Binder & Peggy Richmeier  
 Sunday, Sept 6 Lauren Moeder & Wendy Richmeier

**LECTORS**

Sunday, Aug 30 Valerie Dome  
 Sunday, Sept 6 Joanne Steinert

**COLLECTION TEAM**

**Sunday, August 30**

Jason Carter, Aaron Dome, Nathan Leiker, Brian Pfannenstiel

**Sunday, September 6**

Ernie Binder, Jerry Gross, Gary Staab, Tony Staley

**TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS**

Sunday, August 30 Mark & Dora Leiker  
 Sunday, Sept. 6 Jeff & Wendy Richmeier  
 Sunday, Sept. 13 Ken & Peggy Richmeier  
 Sunday, Sept. 20 Seyona Roda

**Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure**

Envelopes \$1,346.00  
 Loose \$67.00  
**Total \$1,413.00**



Contributions can also be mailed to the Parish Office:

St. Francis Church  
 883 Moscow St.  
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**REFLECTION FROM DEACON STEVE URBAN:**

*Jeremiah 20: 7-9*  
*Romans 12: 1-2*  
*Matthew 16: 21-27*

At peace with paradox! That's what Fr. Richard Rohr, Franciscan priest and contemporary spiritual writer, says we must do in our life. Paradox is an apparent contradiction. Two things seem to exclude each other, but after deeper insight we find that the two together speak a truth. In today's readings we come face to face with paradox. Jeremiah faithfully preaches God's word, but in the process faces constant dejection and derision. Yet there is a burning fire within his very being causing him to continue his mission. On the one hand, he feels persecution and strife; on the other hand, he is compelled to speak the truth. Jesus, in Matthew's Gospel, also invites us to live out this paradox. For Jesus says he must suffer and die at the hand of the elders, chief priests, and scribes, but he will be raised to life. And he invites us to enter the paradox when he says whoever wishes to save his life will lose it. In a nutshell Jesus says the cross and death will bring us life in His kingdom. Self-denial and the death of our ego brings us fulfillment in this life and ultimately in heaven.

So how do we come to peace with paradox? How do we follow Jesus' invitation to lose our life in order to find it? I believe it begins with the awareness that we are a mixed bag. We must realize with our whole being that we are sinner and saint, a mixture of darkness and light.... good and evil. As human persons, we have limitations and failings, and yet are called by God to be divine. Awareness is the first step. Secondly, I think we have to come to self-knowledge. We must come to know ourselves. What makes us tick? What motivates us? What are our strengths and equally what are our weaknesses? Where are we light in our lives and where are we darkness? We must, as the great saints came to realize that the closer we come to God the more clearly we know our sinfulness. Finally, we have to follow Jesus who himself reconciled the human and the divine. As Jesus invited Peter to carry his cross so Jesus invites us to carry the cross. He shows us how it must be done. He shows us the way to carry the cross. He is the perfect pattern of dying and rising. In his life he shows us that dying to self and obedience to the Father can bring us resurrection and new life.

What will it cost us to live out these readings? St. Paul, in today's second reading, gives us the answer. He says we must offer our bodies as a living sacrifice. That means everything we do as human persons from work to rest.... from prayer to play is offered to God.

There is nothing that we do as human beings that we cannot give back to God... our successes and failures...our hopes and disappointments...our bodies and our minds...our sufferings and glories.

And so, we must make peace with paradox! A great example of one who did this is St. Augustine whose feast we celebrated this past week. In his early years, his life was one of debauchery and lust for worldly pleasures, but he came to repentance and then to a life of great holiness. About the cross Augustine says, "The death of the Lord our God should not be a cause of shame for us; rather, it should be our greatest hope, our greatest glory. In taking upon himself the death that he found in us, he has most faithfully promised to give us life in him, such as we cannot have of ourselves".

*Deacon Steve...*



Teacher needed for 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade.

For planning purposes, if your child(ren) will be attending our weekly program, please contact Joe Pfannenstiel at 259-2762.

Classes begin Wednesday, September 16th.

Also, families with students in the program need to have a current Stewardship Form on file.

Holy Cross Church in Pfeifer has an annual Mass in September to commemorate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

Due to COVID -19, the Mass this year has been cancelled.

We look forward to seeing everyone next year.

Divine Mercy Radio's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Appreciation Banquet will take place in two locations: 6 p.m. Sat., **Sept. 12** in the Little Theatre of Holy Family Elementary, **Hays** and 6 p.m. Sun. **Sept. 13** in the Hall of Bishops, Sacred Heart Cathedral, **Salina**. Due to COVID, tickets are limited. Cost is \$55 if purchased before Aug. 20. After Aug. 20, if tickets are still available, the cost is \$60. The cost includes appetizers and wine or beer. This is a sit down, served banquet with a great speaker, Dr. Ray Guarandi who will be talking about *Laughter: The Sanity of Families*. To purchase tickets, send your check, along with which banquet you will attend (Hays or Salina) and your meal choice (steak or chicken) to:

Divine Mercy Radio  
108 E. 12<sup>th</sup> St.  
Hays, KS 67601  
785.621.4110



Is there something tugging on your heart calling you to deeper faith in Jesus Christ through discipleship in the Catholic Church? In your mind are there questions about the Catholic Church and what it believes? Then join us on a journey of faith through RCIA the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. The RCIA process begins Thursday, Sept. 10, at 6:30pm at St. Nicholas Church. Through prayer, study, and works of charity, God may be calling you to the Sacrament of Baptism or full communion in the Catholic Church. For more information, contact Deacon Steve Urban at [urbs57@gmail.com](mailto:urbs57@gmail.com) or call 785-650-2931.

**POSTPONED:** The Purified Event with Jason Evert scheduled for Wednesday, September 9, 2020 at Immaculate Heart of Mary, Hays, will be postponed with the date T.B.D. due to the concerns and precautions of COVID-19. All who have purchased a ticket will be refunded in full. Please stay tuned to future announcements regarding the rescheduling of the Purified Event.

#### **A Family Perspective ...by Bud Ozar**

Relationships live in a careful balance. If a person changes, the balance is altered requiring a shift in the relationship. In today's gospel Jesus announced a change and Peter resisted. Sometimes, those we count on for support may actually get in the way. Jesus told Peter: "You are an obstacle to me."



In need of a birthday card or a sympathy card? Benefit Catholic Charities by purchasing homemade cards. (These cards used to benefit Mary Elizabeth Maternity Home.) Cards of all types can be found anytime in the entrance area at the Adoration Chapel at IHM, as well as at Epworth Towers, Plaza Apartments and Wyndom Place. Cards are made by volunteers and are only 50 cents each or three for \$1.



Mike Suppes, Special Intention, Ramona Weigel, Amy Moeder, 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.*

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Life is short ~ spend it happy.

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The Salvation Army in Hays, operates “Paper Pantry” a program that helps people in need with personal hygiene products, toilet paper, laundry soap and basic cleaning supplies. Donations can be dropped at 203 E. 7th St., Hays. For more information you can call 785-621-2794.

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**AUGUST** – Catholic Sisters around the world are working to combat human trafficking. Google “talitha kum” and learn about networks. U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking. ([www.sistersagainstrafficking.org](http://www.sistersagainstrafficking.org)). USCSAHT is a 501© 3 organization.

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*Blessed Lord*  
*we pray today for our nation...*

Give our country peace; let us live in joy  
Give our country wisdom; let us live in faith  
Bless everyone who celebrates today  
A nation with generosity of spirit  
And grace of purpose: Amen.

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## CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



### HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Rachel Wentling, Principal  
625-3131

- Sept 2 Red Wheel Fundraiser Kickoff
  - Sept 4 First Friday Prayers
  - Sept 7 NO SCHOOL - Labor Day
  - Sept 9 Early Release Day; dismissal at 1:15 p.m.
  - Sept 10 August & September Birthday Shout-outs
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### THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN

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

#### Volunteers Needed

With the restrictions in place to safely welcome back our students, many additional volunteers are needed to help serve lunch each day. If you are able to volunteer a bit a time each week or multiple times each week to help in the TMP-M dining hall, please contact Sandy Losey in the Advancement office at (785) 621-5414 or [loseys@tmpmarian.org](mailto:loseys@tmpmarian.org). Thank you in advance!

#### Catholic Schools Report

Each Monday morning about 8:30 AM, a representative from either TMP-Marian or Holy Family Elementary is interviewed on the 1400 AM KAYS morning show in a program called the Catholic Schools Report. This short segment highlights the timely events and happenings in our Catholic Schools. A special thanks to Hays Car and Truck Alignment for their ongoing sponsorship of the Catholic Schools Report.

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The **only** place where  
**success** comes  
before **work**,  
is in the dictionary.

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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.*