

# St. Francis of Assisi Church

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



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## FINANCE/PASTORAL COUNCIL

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## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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Kevin Stramel 623-7107

## CHRISTIAN MOTHERS PRESIDENT

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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 625-3131

www/hfehays.org

Thomas More Prep-Marian 625-6577

www.tmp-m.org



## Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 ~ First Sunday of Lent



### MASS INTENTIONS



Sun. Feb. 21 8:00 am +Steve & Aaron Pfannenstiel  
Wed. Feb. 24 7:30 am +Dale Stecklein  
Sun. Feb. 28 8:00 am +Francis, Clarence & Glenn Legleiter  
Wed. Mar 3 7:30am +Steve & Aaron Pfannenstiel

### SERVERS

Sunday, Feb 21 Wyatt Gerstner & Rexton Leiker  
Sunday, Feb 28 Cali Richmeier & Rafe Richmeier

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, Feb 21 Lilly Binder & Michelle Werth  
Sunday, Feb 28 Peggy Richmeier & Glenn Stramel

### LECTORS

Sunday, Feb 21 Nathan Leiker  
Sunday, Feb 28 John Moeder

### COLLECTION TEAM

#### Sunday, February 21

Greg Pfannenstiel, Gary Staab, Tony Staley, Neal Younger

#### Sunday, February 28

Aaron Dome, Larry Koirth, Nathan Leiker, Rich Ruder

### TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

Sunday, Feb. 21 Darold & Evelyn Younker  
Sunday, Feb. 28 Jeff & Wendy Richmeier  
Sunday, Mar 7 Tony & Patty Rohr  
Sunday, Mar 14 Ken & Peggy Richmeier

### Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure

Envelopes \$1,055.00  
Loose \$25.00  
**Total \$1,080.00**



Contributions can also be mailed to the Parish Office:  
St. Francis Church  
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### REFLECTION FROM DEACON STEVE URBAN

Genesis 9: 8-15  
1 Peter 3: 18-22  
Mark 1: 12-15

"The Spirit drove Jesus into the desert." Lent is our journey into the desert. Life is sojourn in the desert on our pilgrimage back to the Garden of Eden or our heavenly home. Throughout the Old Testament, the desert was the place where God led his people to purify their hearts and make them into His People. The forty years wandering in the wilderness was the pivotal moment in their quest for God. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus, like the Israelites, is driven into the desert to face himself and come to know God more deeply. Jesus comes face to face with Satan or the Tempter. A battle ensues...a battle between Jesus and evil. And so, for us, Lent is time to enter the desert to face our demons and battle the sin and darkness within. It's a battle we make each year and throughout our lifetime. The victor over sin and death is Jesus. And so we follow in his footsteps.

To enter the desert is scary. The desert is filled with wild beasts and is a place of aridity and loneliness. In the desert we come face-to-face with ourselves, our failures and sinfulness. We can in the desert run away and not do the hard work of admitting who we are and where we have come from. Praise God that he has made a covenant of love with us and leads us. In today's first reading God promises Noah, his family, and all creation that he would never again send the waters of the flood to destroy the world. God promises through the sign of a rainbow that he will never again harm the earth. Filled with confidence in God's promise, today's second reading from the first letter of Peter reminds us why we live in hope and trust. Through Jesus' saving death and glorious resurrection, we are made clean in the waters of Baptism and brought into union with our God. Just as the waters of the flood destroyed life so now the waters of Baptism bring about new life. Finally, in Mark's Gospel, Jesus comes out of the desert where he did battle with Satan and begins his mission of bringing God's reign into reality. Jesus throughout his life is victorious over Satan and sin. Jesus shows us how to journey through the desert by repenting and believing in his victory over all sin and death. Repentance and belief in his power over evil are the keys to make it out of the desert safely.

So how do we journey through Lent? How do we remain in the desert forty days and come out better people? Jesus in his life gives us the example. In two short verses, Mark tells us that Jesus sought God in prayer for forty days, Jesus fasted for forty days, and Jesus then went out and served other people. Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are the keys to our Lenten journey. So, what kind of prayer is required? It is prayer that speaks to our

**LENT**  
Pray + Fast + Give

hearts. It is prayer in which we listen to God. Listening prayer is much more difficult than just saying a bunch of rote prayers. What type of fasting is necessary? While we might give up candy or sweets, the real fasting is from those things that stand in the way of our relationship to God and those around us. What are the real obstacles on our journey to becoming better people? This Lent we might need to fast from gossip and backbiting or maybe time spent on our mobile devices. Finally, what works of charity should we do? Maybe when it comes to charity it's not what we do, but how we do it. Are they done with love? My spiritual director tells me over and over...make it a delight and not a duty. So, let's step together into the desert of Lent!

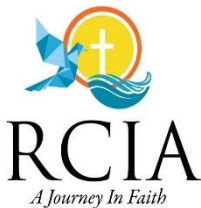
*Deacon Steve...*

**CHRISTIAN MOTHERS MEETING:** Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup> following Mass. *Important agenda item to be discussed.* All members are encouraged to attend.

**Religious Formation:** Class 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
Friday 7:00 p.m.  
*Need 3 volunteer servers.*



Remember in prayer members of our parish seeking *Baptism and the Sacrament of Initiation*: Josh Waddell, Madelyn Waddell and Wyatt Waddell  
And also, Tony Staley seeking *Full Communion* in the Catholic Church.  
Pray also for their families and sponsors.

**PENANCE:** The Bishops of the U.S. remind us since we are not exempt from sinfulness, we should not consider ourselves exempt from penance. The Church's teaching regarding penance: **Abstinence** (not eating meat). Begins at age 14. **Fasting.** One full meal a day, with the other 2 meals without meat and together not equaling a full meal. Begins at age 18 and ends at age 60. Ash Wed. & Good Friday are days of abstinence & fasting. All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. Forms of penance are: abstinence, fasting, self-denial, actions of religion (increased prayer life, daily Mass, devotions, spiritual or Scriptural reading, acts of charity or witness).



**MUNJOR K OF C FISH FRY'S**

Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup> and Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup>  
5:00 – 7:00 pm in the Munjor School.

**Menu:** Fish, Noodles & Beans, Grebbles.  
**TAKE OUT MEALS AVAILABLE.**

*(Proceeds go towards Seminarian Fund.)*

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

Jesus went into the desert to put his life in perspective. This lent, take a fresh look at a difficult relationship in your life. Concentrate on the positive things that person does, not just the negatives. Try to understand why their behaviors 'bug' you. Can you honestly share your feelings with them without attacking them? Make Lent a time to MEND and FORGIVE!

The 2021 Bishop's Annual Appeal – CALL TO SHARE – is underway! We invite you to join in the mission of Jesus – to be a disciple who makes disciples through witnessing by faith, hope, and love. One way to join in that mission is through a financial gift. Thank you for your consideration! To learn more about the appeal, please visit <https://salinadiocese.org/office/development/bishops-annualappeal/>. For online donations visit [join.salinadiocese.org](https://join.salinadiocese.org).



Katie Herrman, Ella Moeder, Bryson Werth, Scott, Adam, Stacy Dittmer, Special Intentions, Ramona Weigel, Curt Brungardt, Carole Carter, Stan Herrmann, Parishioners in Health Care Facilities.  
Drop requests in the collection basket or let Lilly know.  
*Let Lilly know when the intention can be removed.*

**Pandemic Photo Frenzy! First Call for Help Fundraiser for First Step Housing** March 6<sup>th</sup> 10am -12noon. Call FCFH at 623-2800 to register. Photo shoot scavenger hunt! Receive clues, find the locations & snap a pic with your team. Send photos in and earn points. Highest score wins! Register before March 2<sup>nd</sup> and receive a swag bag! Schmidt Foundation will match funds! \$20 adult - \$15 for 12 & under! THANK YOU!

**FEBRUARY:** February 8th is the feast day of St. Josephine Bakhita, patroness of kidnapped and trafficked children. ONE CHILD trafficked is one too many. Pray for children today. U.S. Catholic Sisters against Human Trafficking is a 501c(3) organization [sistersagainstrafficking.org](https://sistersagainstrafficking.org).



The One Body show, stewarding God's creation, features different local guests each week. Tune in to 105.7 FM, online at [dvmercy.com](http://dvmercy.com), or on the free phone app at noon on Fridays and 9 AM on Saturdays. This show is locally produced and past episodes can be found on our website at [dvmercy.com](http://dvmercy.com) and on the phone app. Other show times are 11pm on Saturdays, 1 am & 10 pm on Wednesdays

**St. Joseph's (Hays) Parish Mission** with Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers. Each day 12:00 p.m. OR 7:00 p.m.

**Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup>:** Celebrating our Beliefs:  
*Sacraments in the Life of the Church.*

**Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>:** Living a Eucharistic Faith:  
*The Big Deal About Mass and Why it Matters.*

**Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup>:** Come Let Us Adore Him:  
*The Purpose and Meaning of Eucharistic Adoration*  
Deacon Harold will speak in the Church and livestreaming will be available.

The emergency contact number, listed under Father Damian's name on the cover of the bulletin, is no longer active. **New number: 785-621-6200, and press 3.**

#### A PRAYER FOR LENTEN GRACE:

*Loving God,* During the sacred season of Lent, bring me closer to you. Prepare a place in my home and heart for silence and solitude, so that I may re-discover the grace of a prayer-full life.

Enlarge my heart so that I give to those in need and, in so doing, re-discover the grace of gratitude and generosity. Help me to fast from those things that threaten the well-being of body and soul, remind me of the grace and simplicity. May this season be a grace-filled time to rekindle my love for and faith in you.

*Amen*

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#### CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



#### HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Rachel Wentling, Principal  
625-3131

- Feb 22 Advisory Council Meeting 5:15 pm Library
- Feb 23 Spring Parent Teacher Conferences, 4:00-6:00 pm
- Feb 24 Papa Murphy's Pizza Fundraising Day  
Spring Picture Day – Free Dress Day (all grades)
- Feb 24 Early Release Day – students dismiss at 1:15 pm  
Spring Parent Teacher Conferences 1:30-6:00 pm
- Feb 26 NO SCHOOL



#### THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN

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

**NEW INFO** - Auction for Christian Education 2021 – ACE donations, raffle tickets, Item 60, other contributions and updated info can be accessed at [www.tmp-m.org](http://www.tmp-m.org). Auction goes online April 23<sup>rd</sup> & close the evening of the 24<sup>th</sup>.

Donations to the St. Thomas More Society directly benefit our students. Gifts received between July 1, 2020 & June 30, 2021 move us closer to our fiscal year goal of \$520,000. For any questions regarding STMS and all giving opportunities contact Troy Ruda at [rudat@tmpmarian.org](mailto:rudat@tmpmarian.org)



LENT is a journey that moves us toward the cross.



#### 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 be examples of his teachings, we strive for unity through fellowship and participation in all areas of the Catholic faith.*