

St. Francis of Assisi Church

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



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623-8000

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David Leiker

623-0094

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS PRESIDENT

Michelle Werth

623-3003

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/hfefhays.org

Thomas More Prep-Marian 625-6577
www.tmp-m.org



MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. Dec. 6 8:00 am L/D Alois & Mary Schumacher fam
 Tue. Dec. 8 5:30 pm +Clarence Legleiter
 Wed. Dec. 9 7:30 am L/D John & Adelheid Leiker family
 Sun. Dec. 13 8:00 am +Charles & Kathleen Evans
 Wed. Dec. 16 7:30 am L/D Keith & Carol Fieler family

SERVERS

Sunday, Dec. 6 Logan Leiker & Daunte Younker
 Tuesday, Dec. 8 Wyatt Gerstner & Joe Pfannenstiel
 Sunday, Dec. 13 Rexton Leiker & Trenton Staley

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, Dec. 6 Mark Leiker & Wendy Richmeier
 Tuesday, Dec. 8 Ernie Binder & Lauren Moeder
 Sunday, Dec. 13 Glenn Stramel & Deacon Steve

LECTORS

Sunday, Dec. 6 Gene Gottschalk
 Tuesday, Dec. 8 David Leiker
 Sunday, Dec. 13 Nathan Leiker

COLLECTION TEAM

Sunday, December 6

Aaron Dome, Jerry Gross, Greg Pfannenstiel, Ken Richmeier

Tuesday, December 8 - Volunteers

Sunday, December 13

Ernie Binder, Larry Koirth, Jeff Richmeier, Brandon Zimmerman

TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

Sunday, Dec. 6 Jeff & Wendy Richmeier
 Sunday, Dec. 13 Tony & Patty Rohr
 Sunday, Dec. 20 Ken & Peggy Richmeier
 Sunday, Dec. 27 Glenn & Rhonda Stramel

Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure

Envelopes	\$1,650.00	Candles	\$48.00
Loose	\$95.00	Camp. Hum Dev.	\$45.00
Seminary	\$10.00	Poinsettias	\$60.00
Total	\$1,908.00		

Contributions can also be mailed to the Parish Office:
 St. Francis Church
 883 Moscow St.
 Munjor, KS 67601

REFLECTION FROM DEACON STEVE URBAN:

Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11
 2 Peter 3: 8-14
 Mark 1: 1-8

Good News! In these trying times of Covid, economic uncertainty, political unrest, and overall fear, the evangelist Mark begins his Gospel with a statement of hope for all of humanity. He says, "The beginning of the gospel (Good News) of Jesus Christ, the Son of God". In this one line, Mark lays out for his readers who Jesus is and what his mission will be. It's Good News to those who live in a world of evil and darkness. Good News is also what the prophet Isaiah proclaims in today's first reading. A message of comfort and redemption is Isaiah's message to the Israelite people held in bondage in Babylon. Both readings invite us to realize that God is indeed in charge and leads us through the tragedies and heartaches of life into His kingdom. The message is all Good News.

In the first reading the people of Israel really needed some good news. They found themselves in a foreign land. Torn away from their homeland, they were forced into labor by a foreign people, and now God was inviting them to return home to find that everything they valued had been destroyed. Isaiah was prophesying that just as God had done in the past, when he freed their ancestors from the Egyptians and formed them into a new people in the desert, so now he would lead them through the desert on a straight highway back to their homeland. God himself would be their shepherd leading his flock back to safety and green pastures. In today's Gospel, Mark is proclaiming that a new era is beginning in which Jesus, Son of God, would bring his people to redemption. The herald for this messiah and his new way of life was John the Baptist. In the first reading a straight highway needed to be prepared for God to lead His people, so too John forged a highway of repentance and conversion for the inhabitants of Jerusalem before the messiah's arrival.

As we move further into this season of Advent and preparation for Christmas, we too need to heed the call for repentance and making straight the highway in our hearts. The mountains of greed and selfishness must be leveled, and the valleys of pain and sorrow must be filled with compassion and love. A highway of repentance and turning back to God must be our Advent journey. And like the people who heard John the Baptist and sought a baptism of repentance, we also must seek God's forgiveness through works of penance and prayer and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Before we can fully experience the good news, we must make changes in our lives. God will bring us out of bondage and slavery of sin, but we must cooperate and do our part.

So how can we live out these readings in our daily lives? What will they demand of us?

First, I think we need a realization that we have sinned. We must honestly admit that our lives are not where they need to be. So much of the world is in a state of denial and cover-up about the corruption and evil present in our world. Often, we want to gloss over and not face the hard truths. Awareness and soul-searching are definitely required for true change and conversion. Both awareness and self-searching start with some sort of daily examination of consciousness and then monthly Confession. We find it difficult to use the Sacrament of Reconciliation on a regular basis, but if we only realized its healing power we would run to receive its graces. The Good News is that God loves us and has saved us, but we must be willing to seek His forgiveness and make the highway to our hearts straight and level.

Deacon Steve...



Anointing of the Sick will be administered following Mass this morning.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
+++ HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION +++
WE WILL HAVE MASS TUESDAY AT 5:30 P.M.

Religious Formation: Wednesday, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Thanksgiving Collection – *First Call for Help of Ellis Co.*
Thank you for your generous donations of \$397.00 for this special cause.



We are once again accepting donations for Poinsettias for church decorating. If you would like to make a monetary donation in memory of a loved one, for your family, or to simply make a donation, please mark your check or envelope 'Flowers' and include the name(s) of those you are remembering, (optional). **Note:** If after the Christmas season you would like to take a plant you made a donation for, you are welcome to do so. Thank you!



UPDATE: 2021 Mass Intentions are now being scheduled. Currently there has been less than normal Mass intention requests. If you have already scheduled some, we would allow for a few additional requests through June.

Stipends are \$10.00 per Mass.

Contact Lilly to schedule ~ 623-8000.



32nd Annual National Night of Prayer for Life will be on Tuesday, Dec. 8, from 8pm to 12am, at St. Joseph Church, will participate in the National Night of Prayer for Life. Join us for prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament "Can you not spend at least one hour with me?" This is a Heartland Parishes of Ellis County Event. For additional information contact Kevin at 785-625-7356, at the parish office.

Do I kneel or do I sit? Following Communion, everyone should remain kneeling until Father sits down; after he presents the traveling chalice. This would not include those who are not able to kneel due to health reasons.



2021 Calendars are at the entrances. Special thanks to Hyle & Ann Huginin from Hays Memorial Chapel for once again providing the calendars for our parish.



8th Immaculate Conception ~ Holy Day Mass: 5:30 p.m.
16th Communal Penance Service & First Reconciliation 7pm
24th Christmas Eve Mass: 7:00 p.m.
25th Christmas: **NO MASS**

The end of the calendar year is fast approaching. If you are considering a year-end donation, please keep St. Francis of Assisi Parish in mind. These unexpected donations and your ongoing support are greatly appreciated. May the Lord bless you abundantly for your generosity.

DECEMBER –A gift to U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking (USCSAHT) can make a difference in our efforts to confront the Human Trafficking pandemic. (www.sistersagainstrafficking.org). a 501© 3 organization. 2039 N Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131.

"At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving others with God's own love and concern." -- Mother Teresa



Special Intentions, Ramona Weigel, 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.

St. Nicholas of Myra Blood Drive will be Monday, Dec 7th, from noon to 6pm, at St. Nicholas Parish Hall. Contact the Parish Office at 628-1446, to make an appointment.

Adoration Chapel needs someone to cover these hours:

Friday 1:00am & 6:00am & 10:00pm & 11:00pm

Saturday 6:00 AM & 5:00PM & 11:00PM

The Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel, at 1805 Vine St., IHM Church is open 24/7. Jesus is waiting for you. To sign up for an hour, call: Bob & Carol Feauto: 628-1429

HEARTLAND ADVENT SCHEDULE (THIS WEEK)

December 7 - (Monday) Vigil-Immaculate Conception

IHM - 5:30pm

St. Nicholas of Myra - 5:30pm

Catholic Campus Center - 5:45pm

IHM - CYO Advent Night Prayer, 8:00pm

December 8 - (Tuesday) Immaculate Conception

St. Joseph - 6:30am, 12:10pm, 7:00pm

IHM - 8:00am, 5:30pm, 7:00pm (Spanish)

St. Nicholas of Myra - 12:10pm

St. Francis of Assisi (Munjor) - 5:30pm

Catholic Campus Center - 5:45pm

IHM - CYO Advent Night Prayer, 8:00pm

December 9 - (Wednesday)

St. Joseph - Confessions, 5:00pm

IHM - CYO Advent Night Prayer, 8:00pm

December 10 - (Thursday)

IHM/HFE - Advent Liturgy, 8:00am

IHM - CYO Advent Night Prayer, 8:00pm



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CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Rachel Wentling, Principal
625-3131

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

Holy Family Elementary is seeking temporary part-time help in ONE area! We need extra hands assisting our school custodians! If you are interested in working for us in one of these areas, or want to learn more details, please contact the school at 785-625-3131 or stop by between 7:30am – 4pm.



THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN

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

Music on Winter's Night-December 7th

UPDATE: We have needed to adapt a bit for the performances as the bands and choir will not be available. The evening will still be great with prayer, beautiful lights, hot chocolate, festive music and we still believe a special guest will be joining us at some point in the evening! Please arrive between 6:30 and 7:00, bundle up, wear a mask and enjoy this beautiful time of year!

St. Thomas More Society We ask for your prayers and continued support for the St. Thomas More Society (STMS), the largest operational fund for TMP-Marian and Holy Family Elementary. Soon the annual campaign will arrive in homes and we pray that it will be met with generosity for the future of Catholic education. This year, the STMS is called upon to raise \$520,000. For questions or to contribute to the STMS, please contact Troy Ruda at rudat@tmpmarian.org.

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.