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FR. JARETT'S CATHOLIC Q & A



What does the Trinity have to do with Human Love?

As we know, the basis for Christian belief in a Triune God comes from the scriptures, although it's also interesting to note that the word Trinity is not found anywhere in the bible. This can be an important tidbit for conversations with our non-Catholic brothers and sisters who claim Catholic teachings such as purgatory are not biblical. Similar to the theology of the Trinity, the word may not be found in the bible, but the teaching is there.

One such place that speaks of the God as three persons is the Gospel of Matthew 28:19, "Go, therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." The Christian teaching of God as three distinct persons in one substance is one of the mysteries of our faith. Why? Because one plus one plus one in most places in the natural world does not equal one.

One of the most useful descriptions of the interplay of the Trinitarian God comes to us from St. Augustine who speaks of God as a relationship of love. As St. Augustine describes, in any relationship of love there necessarily exists the Lover, the Beloved, and the Love that is shared. With this relationship in mind, St. Augustine posits the Father as the Lover, the Son as His Beloved, and the Holy Spirit proceeding as the love exchanged between the Father and Son. This example is important because it tells us as creatures a little about ourselves as we are created in the image and likeness of God.

Every human being has within his makeup a need to be loved and to share love. I would argue that much of the problems, disorder, and heartache in this world come from a broken experience of receiving and sharing this image of divine self-emptying love. If we have never experienced in a real way self-emptying love from another (and I'm not just talking about romantic love), most especially from a mother and a father, we can not only develop a distorted view of love in this world, but it can also affect our view of God.

This is part of the reason why if someone comes to me with doubts about God's love or God's existence, I will encourage them to spend some time in some form of service work. Perhaps, working a mission trip or at a shelter. It is precisely as we empty ourselves in the giving of love and in a healthy way receive love from another that we are instinctively reminded of the love God has for us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The greatest example of this Trinitarian love comes to us through the example of the Sacrament of marriage; most especially in the sexual embrace. In a real and tangible way the husband functions as the Lover who physically transmits himself to his wife. As the beloved, a wife receives from the man, and when God works or proceeds upon that embrace, a new life proceeds from the mutual exchange of Lover and Beloved. This is part of the reason why Catholics "must" be so defensive of the definition of marriage. The love of husband and wife is an image of the divine plan and God's exchange within the Trinity and His love for humanity. No matter how much two men (or two women) love each other (and they certainly do and can) it is naturally impossible for that mutual exchange to reflect the life giving love of the Trinity.

If marriage were simply a social institution directed only toward civil benefits there would be much less concern about who can get married. However, because we believe it has been designed by God to image for us His love or the love of the Trinity it mustn't be rescripted.

Naturally, all forms of human love fall short of this image of Trinitarian love and God's love for humanity, however that should never keep us from examining and reexamining our relationships so that they daily increase as an image for us of the design of our Creator God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Have questions, clarifications, or concerns. Email them to Fr. Jarett at father.konrade@eaglecom.net

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tithing: Your Gift to God

Fiscal Year: July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017

Collection for the week of June 4	\$ 18,893
Weekly Collection to meet Fiscal Budget:	\$ 14,719
Fiscal Year Budgeted:	\$765,372
Collected Year to Date:	\$710,188

MONEY COUNTERS

June 11	Brad & Lisa Unrein
June 18	Bill & Tiffany Weber
June 25	Tim & Tina Zimmerman
July 2	Scott & Terri Braun

Readings for Tenth Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, June 12

2 Cor 1:1-7 / Mt 5:1-12

Tuesday, June 13 (St. Anthony of Padua)

2 Cor 1:18-22 / Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday, June 14

2 Cor 3:4-11 / Mt 5:17-19

Thursday, June 15

2 Cor 3:15-4:1, 3-6 / Mt 5:20-26

Friday, June 16

2 Cor 4:7-15 / Mt 5:27-32

Saturday, June 17

2 Cor 5:14-21 / Mt 5:33-37

Sunday, June 18

(The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ)

Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a / 1 Cor 10:16-17 / Jn 6:51-58

Please check out our Website at

<http://stn-church.com/>.



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*time, talent
& treasure*
How can I give?

FORMED

Register for Free Catholic Videos, Movie, eBooks, MP3's

www.formed.org – Parish Code: JZ3DPK

Summer Parish Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday: 8am to noon – 1 to 4pm

Friday: 8am to noon

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Masses, Intentions & Services

Sat. June 10 5:00 p.m. +	Robert Unrein
Sun. June 11 9:30 a.m. +	Conrad & Kathryn Hoffman
	11:00 a.m. People of the Parish
Wed. June 14 7:00 a.m. +	William Bittner
Fri. June 16 7:00 a.m. +	LeRoy Richmeier
Sat. June 17 5:00 p.m. +	Wilfred & Fidelia Rome
Sun. June 18 9:30 a.m.	Living & Deceased of Aloysius & Betty Schmidt Family
	11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR June 17 & 18

Saturday, 5:00 P.M. Mass

EMHC	Lectors	Hospitality
Stephanie Hagans	Andy Stanton #1	Kendall Foss
Deacon	Dana Stanton #2	
Whitney Ford		Sacristan
Marilyn Gabel		Glen Gabel
Stephanie Howie	Altar Servers	
Mary Selensky	Caden Riat	
Mary Straub	Gabriel Stanton	Gift Bearers
	Grace Stanton	Curt Dinkel

Sunday, 9:30 A.M. Mass

EMHC	Lectors	Hospitality
LeRoy Lang	Bill Weber #1	Adam Long
Deacon	Bill Meagher #2	
Theresa Flax		Sacristan
Gene Flax	Altar Servers	Andrea Carmichael
Pat Lang	Maggie Baalman	
Brad Unrein	Julianna Baalman	Gift Bearers
Bob Wasinger +	Sheldon Weber	Rodney Rippe

Sunday, 11:00 A.M. Mass

EMHC	Lectors	Hospitality
Jenny Wittman	Hannah Keil #1	John Hertel
Deacon	Patty Stull #2	
Sarah Cain		Sacristan
Jayne Clark	Altar Servers	Austin Klaus
Mary Hickman	Anabelle Leach	
Rose McFarland	David McFarland	Gift Bearers
Jan Stauth	Ashton Rickford	Eric Zweifel



WE PRAY FOR Brendon Gross and Kelly Brummer as they celebrate their Sacrament of Marriage on Saturday, June 10.

WE WELCOME IN BAPTISM

Avri Deirdre Kroeger, daughter of John and Cathleen Kroeger. She was baptized on Sunday, June 4.



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The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ "Corpus Christi"

Join us on Sunday, June 18, at 12:30pm, at St. Nicholas of Myra Church as we celebrate the Solemnity of Corpus Christi with the annual processional of the Blessed

Sacrament. Help us to celebrate this Solemnity as we go forth in prayer and song giving public witness of our faith to the devotion of the Blessed Sacrament.

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord"
John 6:57

First Mass of Deacon Justin Palmer All are welcome to attend first Mass of Thanksgiving on Saturday, June 24. He will offer a Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Nicholas of Myra at 5pm.

Backpack for Kids

First Call for Help is sponsoring Backpack for Kids. The box has been placed in the gathering space for donations you may wish to make.



Catholic Charities Needs

Diapers (sizes 4, 5 and 6)
Wipes and Diaper Cream
Baby Formula
Breast Milk Storage Bags
Nursing Pads

Address: 122 E. 12th St., Hays

Hours: 8am – 5pm; Monday – Thursday
8am – 2:30pm; Friday

We appreciate your support of our neighbors in need. For more information or to drop off items outside of our business hours, contact Jeanne Riedel at 785-625-2644, for a complete list of all or jriedel@ccnks.org items we accept, go to www.ccnks.org.



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Daughters of Isabella members are invited to enjoy hamburgers and an ice cream social on June 13, at 6:30pm, in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Activity Center. The monthly meeting will follow the social with a presentation about the American flag. This will be the last meeting of the summer. Please note the social begins at 6:30pm.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY Join us for FPU at St. Nicholas of Myra's parish hall. The class will run for 9 weeks on Sunday evenings [5 to 7pm] beginning June 4, and running through July 30. Dave Ramsey teaches how to live on a budget, eliminate debt, save money, and experience the joy of giving. You'll be empowered with the practical skills to experience true financial peace based on biblical principles! This is great class for anyone - married or single or any financial position. Free childcare will be provided. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Scott and Jennifer Brown at jabrown831@gmail.com. If you're ready to register now, you can do so on our website at: <https://fpu.com/1041705>

St. Mary's CYO will be hosting its Pan Fried Chicken Dinner on Sunday, June 11. Buffet Style Dinner includes Pan Fried Chicken, Homemade mashed potatoes & Gravy, vegetable, coleslaw, dinner rolls and dessert. Will be serving from 10am until 1pm, or until food runs out. Dinner is held at the Ellis K of C Hall, 1013 Washington St., Ellis. Price is \$5.00 for kids 5 to 9 and 10 and above \$10.00. Everyone Welcome!

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats

When we remember and mourn our losses, we free our souls to move beyond the pain. Come to a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat and remember, mourn, and be set free.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats
Healing the pain of abortion
one weekend at a time.

Next retreat: June 23-25
1-877-I-GRIEVE (1-877-447-4383)
rachelsvineyard@salinadiocese.org
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St. Joseph Cemetery maintenance staff will soon be trimming and mowing the cemetery due to the rains that we've been experiencing in the area. Due to Memorial Day, there are a lot of additional items that have been placed on the graves of loved ones. We ask that you remove any floral arrangements or decorations that you wish to keep by **Sunday, June 11**, with the exception of those in containers or vases attached to the monument. Items not picked up which interfere with the mowing and trimming will be removed and disposed of by the cemetery staff. Your cooperation will be appreciated!

Adoration Chapel needs someone to cover the hours of 2 to 3am, on Mondays; 6 to 7am, on Tuesdays; 9 to 10am, on Saturdays; and 4 to 5am, on Sundays. If interested please contact Bob Feauto at 628-1429.



5th annual Movie Night Under the Stars!

What: "The Young Messiah" (Rated PG-13)

When: Saturday, June 24

Where: IHM North Parking Lot

Time: 9pm

Cost: A Food Pantry Item –
Cereal & Fruits requested for June

Before He was a Savior, He was a child

The Bible says little about Jesus as a young boy. This film, presents a picture of what his life might have looked like at the age of 7. Great picture of Joseph as a dad, Mary's struggles with what she knew about Jesus and the cultural climate of the day.

When was the last time you loaded up your car with a date, family or best friends and pulled into the drive-in theatre for a night full of fun and a great movie? You can re-live those memories as your IHM Evangelization Team hosts its 5th annual Drive-in movie! Bring your date, your family, your best friends or just bring yourself! We invite you to come alive with our parish family!



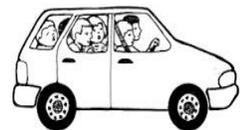
Fill a cooler with your favorite beverage (no alcohol allowed), bring lawn chairs, blankets and pillows to enjoy the show under the stars! In case of inclement weather, please find updates on our IHM Facebook page.

The Living Faith Daily Catholic Devotions for July, August and September are available in the gathering space.

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"Cursillo in Christianity is an encounter with self, Christ, and others. It is a method to develop, live and share spirituality in any area of human life where Christians want to dedicate their lives to God. If you are interested in a means of personal growth in living what is fundamental for being a Christian, and encouraging one another in proclaiming the best news of the best reality that God in Christ loves us, please prayerfully consider attending. The next weekend event: Women's weekend July 27-30, 2017. Location: Victoria, Kansas, Spiritual Life Center. For more information contact Patricia Dusin at 785-302-1220, or patriciad@ruraltel.net."

Needing a ride to Mass on the weekend? Call Parish office during the week 628-1446. A member from the Health Ministry Committee will be contacted and will make the arrangements with you.



RELIGIOUS ITEMS - If you or a family member have religious material such as statues, holy water bottles, rosaries, prayer books, and palms that you want to get rid of, but just can't throw them away, bring them to the St. Joseph Parish Service Center and we will either offer them to people who would like them or dispose of them in a respectful manner.

Thinking about religious life? We have tools for your spiritual journey! The Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration invite single women, ages 18-40 who are considering religious life, to attend a Monastic Experience at their monastery in Clyde, MO June 24-28. It's a chance to experience contemplative monastic life and learn about discernment and prayer. There is no cost to attend and details can be found at www.benedictinesisters.org. To register: contact Sr. Maria Victoria at 660-944-2221 ex. 127 or email: vocation@benedictinesisters.org.

On Vacation, need to find out weekend Mass times for the area you are in? Call: **1-800-MASS-TIME** or visit on the web: www.masstimes.org.



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SALINA DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS



SCHOLARSHIPS

The following scholarship applications are now available through the parish office. Marymount Memorial Educational Trust Scholarship (new and renewal application available). Eligibility requirements include being an active registered member of a Catholic parish in the Diocese of Salina; must attend a Catholic college as fulltime student. Monsignor Clement Kruse Scholarship Fund: applicant must be an active registered member of a Catholic parish in the Diocese of Salina. Deadline for both scholarships is July 1.

Catholic Men of the Salina Diocese, join us for our Sixth Annual Salina Diocese Men's Conference, "Men on a Mission," Aug. 12, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Hays. If you have sons who are high school or older, please bring them. We have two speakers, Dr. Ray Guarendi, host of "The Dr. Is In" and "Living Right With Dr. Ray", and Fr. John Lager national chaplain of FOCUS and cofounder of Marked Men for Christ, are this year's speakers. Men of the Dodge City Diocese are also invited, so register early. To register online or for more information go to salinadiocese.org or call 785-827-8746, Ext. 17.

18th Annual Midwest Catholic Family Conference: Journey with Steve Ray at the Midwest Catholic Family Conference Aug. 4-6, as he uses his vast knowledge of the Holy Land to bring us closer to Christ. Find his influential book, *Crossing the Tiber*, along with other amazing Catholic materials in our hall with over 75 vendors. Save up to \$30 on early bird registration by June 16. Register online at catholicfamilyconference.org or call 316-618-9787. Email questions to midwconf@cox.net.

June ALERT - Ending slavery is everyone's work. FIND OUT ABOUT YOUR SLAVERY FOOTPRINT and the multiple ways in which people are enslaved today. U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking (sistersagainsttrafficking.org)

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2017 CATHOLIC CHARITIES 12th ANNUAL FUNDRAISER will be held on Sunday, July 23, from 5 to 7:30pm, at the Salina Country Club. Anonymous donors have offered a Matching-Gift Donation Challenge of \$100,000, so every dollar donated will be doubled. If you would like to attend this complimentary dinner event, please RSVP at www.ccnks.org or contact Jeanie Warner at 785-825-0208 ext. 215 or jwarner@ccnks.org – seating is limited. Handicapped and valet parking will be available.

THE DAYS AHEAD

- June 14** Building & Grounds Meeting, noon
- June 15** Finance Council Meeting, noon
- June 17** Men of Myra, 7:30am
 - Rosary in the St. Nicholas Church, 4:30pm
- June 18** Rosary in the St. Nicholas Church, 9am
 - "Corpus Christi" Procession, 12:30pm



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CATHOLIC SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy Family Elementary

Summer Hours:

May 29 - June 2 – Office Closed
June & July – Office Open 9am -
noon & 1 – 4pm, Tues-Thurs
July 3 – 7 – Office Closed



CATHOLIC SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- Holy Family Elementary currently has openings this coming school year 2017-2018 in grades PB (afternoon Preschool), Kindergarten, 3rd, 5th and 6th. If interested, please contact the school at 785-625-3131 for more information!

-- Holy Family Elementary is in need of substitute teachers! If you are interested in being added to our substitute list, please stop by the school office with a copy of your sub license & credentials. Stop by or call 785-625-3131 if you have questions! Thank you!

-- Don't forget to recycle your aluminum cans in our trailer in the north parking lot! Be sure to collect your Boxtops over the summer – our numbers ran very low this school year and we are wanting to make a comeback! We also collect pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald houses of America! Thank you for helping the school out in these ways!

-- For more information go to www.hfehays.org



Thomas More Prep-Marian (TMP-M), a Christian community in the Catholic tradition, challenges its students to spiritual growth, academic excellence, and leadership formation.

TMP-Marian Summer hours:

8am to 3pm, beginning
May 30 through Aug. 4

Monarch Summer Camps – Come and join the TMP-M athletic department this summer! A variety of camps are available to the youth, grades 1-12, 2017-2018 school year. To find a complete listing of camps, visit <https://tmp-m.org/2017camps/>, located under the Athletics tab on the TMP-M website. Come and join the fun!!

Enrollment Opportunities for Grades 7-12

785-625-6577

-- To access up to date information for activities and events, please visit the webpage at www.tmp-m.org/calendar/

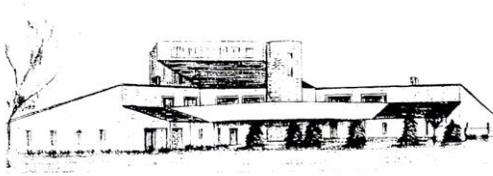
Job Openings!

■ HFE is seeking paraprofessionals for the 17-18 school year. This is a part-time position not including full benefits. Duties include assisting the teachers with general instruction, grading, preparing projects, monitoring the students on bathroom breaks, at recess and lunch, ensuring student safety, and basic classroom preparations. Specific duties are determined by the classroom teacher. Please stop by the office for an application or call the school if you have any questions. The deadline for returning applications is Thursday, June 15, 2017.

■ HFE is seeking an administrative assistant for the 17-18 school year. This is a part-time position not including full benefits. Duties include assisting the principal with various tasks, such as organizing events, data entry, preparing copies, organizing VIRTUS compliance, updating personnel files, and assisting in the office with student and teacher needs. Ideal candidate would also have a substitute license with the ability to help cover in classrooms when needed. Please stop by the office for an application or call the school if you have any questions. The deadline for returning applications is Thursday, June 15, 2017.

■ Job Opening: After School Care Workers HFE is seeking ASC workers. The potential employees would be needed from 3 to 6pm, on weekdays during the school year to supervise the students after school is dismissed. Job duties include setting up, preparing snacks, assisting with homework, playing games/reading with the children, supervising both indoors and on the playground, and cleaning up afterward. A basic knowledge of general First Aid is helpful. Please stop by the school for an application or call the office with further questions! The deadline for returning applications is Thursday, June 15, 2017.

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**ST. NICHOLAS OF MYRA
CHURCH 2017
NEW PASTORAL COUNCIL**

The new members will take their position on
Pastoral Council Effective July 1, 2017.

CORY MUNSCH



My name is Cory Munsch. My wife Pam and I have been members of St. Nick's since 1985. I have served on numerous committees throughout the years. Currently I am involved in Marked Men for Christ, Men of Myra and the Stewardship Commission. I am a Cantor, Proclaimer of the Word and an Eucharistic Minister.

I am the owner of ServiceMaster of Hays and have been in business for 25 years. Pam & I have 3 sons, Leighton (30) he's married to Olivia and they have a son Wynder. They live in Franklin, TN. Leighton was a Captain in the US Army and is currently servicing in the Reserves. Josh (26) lives in San Francisco. Landon (21) will graduate this December from KU with a degree in journalism.

St. Nick's is our Catholic HOME! I feel it is important to be involved in the direction I would like to see the church go. What better way to have a voice in those decisions – then to be a member of St. Nick's Pastoral Council where I can serve both my parish and God.

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SARAH CAIN

Hi my name is Sarah Cain. About four years ago I became a member of St. Nicholas parish. It has been life altering for my family in so many great ways. My husband Mark and I have been married for 11 years. We have two wonderful children. Leah is 9 and Andrew is 7. I joined the RCIA team shortly after becoming a member. I have been blessed with the opportunity to grow my knowledge of Catholicism through these meetings and also pass on what I have learned to those wanting to become Catholic. Sometimes on Sunday I am an Eucharistic Minister, and together with my family we have had the honor of taking up the gifts. I have helped Ladies Guild on a couple different occasions. I love to help in anyway that I can. I look forward to watching St. Nicks grow and would love to be a part of the Pastoral Council. Thank you!



MELISSA DENNING

My name is Melissa Denning. I have lived in Hays the past 5 years and joined St Nicholas of Myra parish about 3 years ago. I am an Account Representative at Insurance Planning, Inc. I am engaged to Michael Dick and we will be getting married in August. We both are active in the parish with hospitality, being money counters and taking up gifts. I am excited to be a part of the Parish Council. Thank you.

