

Sunday, August 6, 2017: The Transfiguration of the Lord

FR. JARETT'S CATHOLIC Q & A

(Continuing the Recent Vocations Theme)

What does the discernment and application process look like for a young man considering the priesthood?

First let us look at discernment. This isn't just for young men/women discerning but can really apply to anyone. Here are 5 steps as a good starting point.

1. Prayer – It is impossible to hear God's voice if we don't spend time listening. I'm not talking about leaving God our laundry list of expectations, but rather putting ourselves in his Eucharistic presence and sitting in silence.
2. Spiritual Direction – So often we can become myopic or narrow minded in our view of God's actions in our lives, much like Samuel running to Eli in the Book of Samuel. Samuel misunderstood what God was trying to communicate to him and it took Eli's direction to finally get God's call straight. Spiritual Direction can serve as a "second opinion" or an external objective view into how God is calling us to serve Him.
3. Scripture/Spiritual Reading – God can speak to us in the silence of our hearts, but if we are not hearing him there he can speak to us through the scriptures and/or spiritual books. Two of my favorite spiritual books for discernment are *To Save a Thousand Souls* and *Priests for the Third Millenium*.
4. Retreat – This can be through a campus center, a diocesan office, or with the Vocation Director. It can be extremely effective to step outside of our normal routine to give God and ourselves an opportunity to dive a little deeper into discernment. A couple of these opportunities on an annual basis with the Diocese of Salina would be the "Encounter with God's Call Weekends" every fall and Spring with the Vocation Director or the "Quo Vadis" discernment retreat, which takes place every year in Wichita at the beginning of January.
5. Regular Confession – If you don't clean your glasses regularly it becomes increasingly difficult to see things clearly. So too is the difficulty of clear discernment clouded by the stain of sin. At least once a month seems to be a good rule of thumb among the discernment experts I know.

Tip #1 when discerning a call, is that it is important not to jump from step "A" to "Z", but rather move from step "A" to "B". For example, if step "A" is discerning a call to apply then step "B" would be allowing the Church to affirm that call through the application process. A call to seminary is not only a personal decision, but it is also a communal Church decision. The application process is about allowing the local Church to verify our initial call to seminary.

For this reason, the application process entails a number of 1 on 1 interviews with priests and religious, a psychological and physical evaluation as well as an application packet that encourages the young man to describe the action of God in his life to this point. In addition, the individual's call is affirmed by letters of recommendation from his pastor, and a couple of fellow lay parishioners.

If the young man is accepted by the Diocese as a seminary candidate the application is then moved on to the Seminary stage. In other words, his call is either confirmed or rejected by making application to the particular seminary.

All of this is to simply decide that the young man is called to seminary. It then can take a process of 6-8 years for the man, the seminary, and the Diocese to discern if he is called to Sacred Orders.

This article is not meant to intimidate, but rather to help a young man, or even parents to realize that it is rather impossible to "accidentally" get ordained to the priesthood. If God doesn't have it in the cards for your future, He will let you know, and you will be a better Catholic man by having taken very seriously your discernment of God's will in your life and given seminary a try.



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

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Titling: Your Gift to God

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

Collection for the week of July 30	\$ 9,256
Weekly Collection to meet Fiscal Budget:	\$ 15,227
Fiscal Year Budgeted:	\$791,815
Collected Year to Date:	\$ 65,806

The parish tithes for July went to First Call for Help, St. Paul's Catholic Mission, Ellis County Ministerial Alliance, Al-anon Club and Rachel's Vineyard.

MONEY COUNTERS

Aug. 6	Rebecca Brady & Kathy Stenzel
Aug. 13	Michael Dick & Melissa Denning
Aug. 20	Derek & Vanessa Schumacher
Aug. 27	Nancy Duffy & Tammy Lawson

Readings for Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, August 7

(St. Sixtus II and Companions, & St. Cajetan)

Nm 11:4b-15 / Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday, August 8 (St. Dominic)

Nm 12:1-13 / Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday, August 9

(St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross)

Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29a, 34-35 / Mt 15:21-28

Thursday, August 10 (St. Lawrence)

2 Cor 9:6-10 / Jn 12:24-26

Friday, August 11 (St. Clare)

Dt 4:32-40 / Mt 16:24-28

Saturday, August 12

(St. Jane Frances de Chantal)

Dt 6:4-13 / Mt 17:14-20

Sunday, August 13

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a / Rom 9:1-5 / Mt 14:22-33

Please check out our Website at

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



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Follow us on Twitter!
@StNicksHays

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

FORMED

Register for Free Catholic Videos, Movie, eBooks, MP3's
www.formed.org – Parish Code: JZ3DPK

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Masses, Intentions & Services

Sat. Aug. 5	5:00 p.m.+ Delbert Walters
Sun. Aug. 6	9:30 a.m. People of the Parish 11:00 a.m.+ Troy Legleiter
Wed. Aug. 9	7:00 a.m.+ Steve & Aaron Pfannenstiel
Fri. Aug. 11	7:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of Gene & Theresa Flax Family
Sat. Aug. 12	5:00 p.m.+ Clayton & Carolyn Engel
Sun. Aug. 13	9:30 a.m.+ Lenora & Mary Lang & Barbara Randa 11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR August 12 & 13

Saturday, 5:00 P.M. Mass

EMHC

Rebecca Brady
Deacon

Vanessa Schumacher

John Allen

Bryan Brady

Whitney Ford

Mary Selensky

Lectors

Mary Toepfer #1

Gloria Mlinek #2

Altar Servers

Jake Brady

Keiarra Gonzales

Jaylenn Weilert

Hospitality

Ryan Hagans

Sacristan

June Allen

Gift Bearers

Scott Brown

Sunday, 9:30 A.M. Mass

EMHC

Gene Flax

Deacon

Theresa Flax

Connie Grant

Deb Kraus

Joyce Newell

Ramie Wasinger+

Lectors

Joe Mindrup #1

Jim Krob #2

Altar Servers

Maggie Baalman

Julianna Baalman

Joseph Mindrup

Hospitality

Ernie Kroeger

Sacristan

Paul Kraus

Gift Bearers

Ruben Schuckman

Sunday, 11:00 A.M. Mass

EMHC

Keri Veach

Deacon

Bishop Weisenburger

Geralyn Allen

Keith Dreiling

Teresa Heimann

Danielle Lummus

Lectors

Mike Morley #1

Marie Froelich #2

Altar Servers

Altar Server

Altar Server

Altar Server

Hospitality

Chad Stoecklein

Sacristan

Nolan Allen

Gift Bearers

Confirmation

Students

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



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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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



WE PRAY FOR Brian Schauf and Ashley Kaiser as they celebrate their Sacrament of Marriage on Saturday, Aug. 5.

WE WELCOME IN BAPTISM

Kaizer Michael Dechant, son of Jason and Krista Dechant. He will be baptized on Sunday, Aug. 6.



RCIA at St. Nicholas. Interested in becoming Catholic or knowing more about the Catholic Church? Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) at St. Nicholas of Myra Catholic Church is enrolling for fall. RCIA is for anyone interested in joining the

Catholic Church or inquiring about the Catholic Church. Please call Deacon Scott at the Parish Office at 628-1446 or e mail at swatford@eaglecom.net for more information. Or fill out the inquiry form @ <http://stn-church.com/faithformation/rcia>

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats

You are called by name. If you are struggling with your abortion decision come and see what Jesus has prepared for you. Give yourself His "gift" of a retreat weekend.

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

Next retreat: September 29, 30, October 1
1-877-I-GRIEVE (1-877-447-4383)
rachelsvineyard@salinadiocese.org

Confidential

Welcome

Please extend a warm welcome to the newest members of our parish family:

Shelley Bryant and Family;
Christopher & Christina Mergen and Family;
Lane & Sarah Patterson and Family;
Jessica Schroeder and Family

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mercy in Motion with Brian Patrick *Host of Morning Glory* from 6 to 9pm, Saturday, Sept. 9 at the Little Theatre of Holy Family Elementary. Tickets: \$45 (if before Aug. 15) (includes hors d'oeuvres, dinner, wine & beer) Tickets available at: Divine Mercy Radio, 108 E. 12th St. Ste. #1, Hays or on line at: dvmercy.com - click on the event tab

St. Joseph Food Pantry

-- 174 boxes were distributed on the July 15th Pantry Day, with an additional 8 boxes shared to Catholic Charities.

-- Food Pantry Date is on the Aug.19.

-- Item of the month—Cereals, Pastas, Tuna and Fruits... All varieties are appreciated, and Thank You for any nonperishable items you are able to share this month!

-- Monetary Donations can be sent through the weekend collections or left at the Parish Svc. Ctr.

-- For the present time, all donations of food and boxes will remain at the Parish Service Center.

Thank you for your support. Call/email Renee to volunteer @ 628-8434 or michauds@ruraltel.net



Via Christi Chapel Needs Your Help Searching for volunteers who would like to serve God's elderly for 90 minutes a day. Many different opportunities such as Eucharistic Minister, Lector, pray the rosary and only if able, bring residents to mass. You choose day and what you are comfortable helping with. You may even want to just be placed on a "when needed basis." Please contact Karen Bieker Pastoral Care Director 785-628-3241



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.

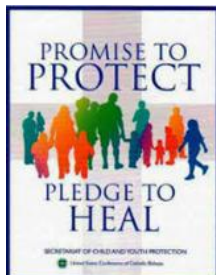
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SALINA DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **2017 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal** will take place next weekend, Aug. 12 & 13. This collection is crucial for them to sustain their yearly operations and continue this important church ministry. With your support, Catholic Charities puts the Gospel into action by serving the poor and vulnerable throughout the Salina Diocese. Please contemplate all of the blessings you have been granted in your life and prayerfully consider making a gift this year. Please use the pledge cards and remittance envelopes provided at Mass to make a donation. You may return by using the collection plate during Mass or mailing directly to Catholic Charities. Your support is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Development Director, Eric Frank, at 785-825-0208 or efrank@ccnks.org.

This is a final reminder about the Aug. 12, Men's Conference at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Hays, Kansas. Come and hear excellent nationally known speakers, Dr. Ray Guarendi and Fr. John Lager. A \$10.00 late registration fee will be charged after August 1. Walk in registrations are still accepted the day of the conference at the \$45.00 price.

For the safety and the healing of children the Diocese of Salina provides an Abuse of Minors Pastoral Response Hotline: 785-825-0865 along with an email reportabuse@salinadiocese.org. Calls/emails will be answered by the Diocesan Assistance Coordinator. All calls/emails are confidential with the following exception: Any allegation of child abuse concerning those who currently are minors, must be reported to the Kansas Protection Report Center 1-800-922-5330 as required by Kansas State Law and Diocesan Policy. This bulletin announcement provided by the Diocesan Office of Safety and Security



SALINA DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

AUGUST Alert - Trafficking is not just an issue that happens to people in other countries. The United States is a source and transit country and is also considered one of the top destination points for victims of child trafficking and exploitation. **ARE YOU AWARE OF ANY TRAFFICKED CHILDREN** in your area and services available for them? U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking (sistersagainsttrafficking.org).

2018 MARCH FOR LIFE in Washington, D.C. is Friday, Jan. 19, 2018. The Salina Diocese sponsored pilgrimage to the March will depart the chancery parking lot Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2018 and will return Sunday, Jan. 21, 2018. Registration with a non-refundable fee of \$50.00 is due by Sept. 30, 2017. Online registration will be available @ salinadiocese.org/respect-life. Contact the Respect Life Office @ respectlife@salinadiocese.org or telephone (785) 628-1446 for more information. Deacon Scott Watford is the Salina Diocese Respect Life Coordinator.

The Diocese of Salina wishes to honor all couples who are celebrating 25, 40, 50, 55 and 60 or more years of marriage. Masses with Bishop Edward J. Weisenburger, celebrant, are planned at St. Nicholas of Myra Parish, Hays, Sunday, Oct. 1, at 3pm., and at Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish, Salina, Sunday, Oct. 8, at 3pm. If you would like to participate in one of these celebrations, please notify your parish office by Wednesday, Aug. 30, requesting a personal invitation. Please provide Last Name, First Name of Husband and Wife, Street Address, - City - State - ZIP, Phone Number, Home Parish, Anniversary Date and Year Married, Anniversary number being celebrated in 2017 and the location of the parish where you will be attending. Parishes are to submit names to the Chancery, Family Life Office, by Friday, September 1, 2017.



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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.



Do you want to be a part of our prayer chain or know of someone who needs lifted up in prayer?

St Nicholas's prayer chain is currently being developed and expanded by the prayer chain subcommittee of the Evangelization commission. Members of St Nicholas parish who are in need of prayers for themselves or their loved ones should contact Ramona at St Nicholas during working hours, or Terri Braun, subcommittee chair, at 785-650-2307 when the church office is closed. Anyone who is willing to be a part of this prayer chain and pray for God's will should contact Terri Braun at the same number. If you know anyone who needs prayed for or if you are in need of prayer please don't hesitate to call. The prayer chain members are ready and willing to assist.

THE DAYS AHEAD

- Aug. 7** Family Life Meeting, 7pm
- Aug. 8** Healing After Loss - Gathering 7pm,
Center for Life Experiences, 2900 Hall
- Aug. 12** Men of Myra, 7:30am
 - Rosary in the St. Nicholas Church, 4:30pm
 - Confirmation Practice, 6:30 to 8pm
- Aug. 13** Rosary in the St. Nicholas Church, 9am
 - Confirmation Mass, 11am



FAITH FORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Faith Formation Information

-Enrollment for the 2017-2018 Year of Religious Education has begun. This week you will receive in the mail a packet that has all the enrollment forms necessary for this year. **They are due back to the parish by Aug. 14th.** Form Packets will also be available in the parish office or can be emailed to you by contacting mandymeagher15@gmail.com.

-Teachers Needed!!! We need at least two teachers per classroom. We are so blessed in our parish to have the great teachers we have but we need a few to join. Below you will see the list of the teachers we need to add. If you are willing and interested please contact Mandy Meagher at 785-639-0784 or mandymeagher15@gmail.com
One (1) Teacher Needed for Kindergarten (We already have one co-teacher)
Two (2) Teachers Needed for 1st Grade
One (1) 5th Grade Teacher (We already have one co-teacher)



Confirmation Information

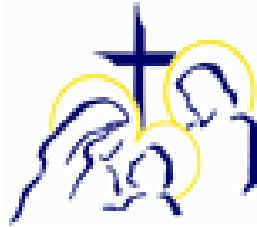
- 1) Confirmation Practice will be Aug. 12, from 6:30 to 8pm.**
 - Parents and Sponsors are asked to attend if possible. (There is no supper this year.)
 - 6:30 to 6:45pm – Fr. Jarett will talk to the students in the Church.
 - 6:45 to 7:15pm – Confirmation Mass Practice in the Church.
 - 7:15 to 8pm – Sacrament of Reconciliation and closing prayer with Fr. Jarett.
- 2) Confirmation Mass—Aug. 13, at the 11am Mass**
 - 10am – Confirmation Candidates need to be in the parish hall ready to go.
 - 10:15am – Confirmation Candidates will meet with the Bishop.

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CATHOLIC SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy Family Elementary

-- **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!



-- **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

CATHOLIC SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

The 2017-18 Monarch Football Madness tickets are now available! This fundraiser is tied to the NFL 2017-18 football season. Prizes EACH WEEK of the Regular NFL Season are as follows:

1. Weekly Highest Three Team Total, \$300
2. Weekly Second Highest, \$125
3. Weekly Third Highest, \$50
4. Weekly Lowest Three Team Total, \$25

Contact a TMP-Marian Student or Sandy Losey in the Advancement Office at 785-625-6577 for tickets. Funds raised will benefit the students directly through their clubs and activities. Last year more than \$21,000 was generated for the benefit of clubs and organizations on campus, including their transportation to competitions and activities. Tickets are also available online at www.tmp-m.org. Your tickets will be sent to you. For further details or questions about this fundraiser, contact Sandy Losey in the TMP-Marian Advancement Office at 785-625-6577. Your support is appreciated!

-- **To access the most up to date information** for activities and events, please visit the TMP-M Calendar at www.tmp-m.org/calendar

Enrollment Opportunities for Grades 7-12

785-625-6577

