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FR. JARETT'S CATHOLIC Q & A

What has happened to friendship?

I have over 4300 "friends" on Facebook. I am definitely not boasting. I say it with more of a despondent disposition. Do you know how much fun it is to sift through 4300 people in order to find the ones I "need" to communicate with? You see, the word "friend" is used rather generously these days; face to face, I have probably formally met less than 60% of these "friends". In the past year, I have electronically corresponded with maybe 15% (Some of that correspondence was "Happy Birthday", and spoken face to face with probably less than 8% give or take. If I can consider all 4300 of these people "friends", what is necessary for friendship? What is needed for you to call someone friend?

Sadly, in many ways, I think friendship today has gone the way of Facebook. In other words, our friendships can remain shallow; surface level. In today's world, it's so much easier to stay connected (email, texting, Skype, Facebook) but doesn't it seem like those connections are less significant somehow? With how many people are you able to go deeper? With whom do you share your struggles, joys, frustrations? I'm talking about the deep stuff. How many people are you able to challenge, to encourage, even confront? With whom are you intimate?

There's an interesting word. Why does this word necessarily spark sexual connotation? Its root meaning stems from the Latin *intimus*, meaning innermost. An intimate friend, is one with whom you can share your innermost thoughts, feelings, temptations, and dreams; the deepest parts of yourself. Notice, there is nothing in the definition about the sharing of body parts.

We have distorted our understanding of friendship, we have distorted intimacy, and we have distorted sex. We have intermingled and matched meanings and definitions until we are so confused that we don't know what we want and we certainly do not know what we need. We have come to believe that intimacy means sexual and therefore normal friendships should not be intimate. The truth is that there are a lot of lies floating around out there regarding intimacy, sex, marriage, and friendship.

Here are some truths:

1. A sexual relationship is **NOT** necessary for healthy and normal human living.
2. Intimacy **IS** necessary for emotionally, psychologically, spiritually healthy human living.
3. It is healthy and good for men to have intimate relationships with other men.
4. It is healthy and good for women to have intimate relationships with other women.
5. A sexual component is **NOT** the highest (or next logical) good for all relationships.

Sadly, I think so many in this world are so starved for human contact and intimacy that when they find someone that they can "connect" with on a deeper level they assume the next step is sex. If a man (who has not had a balanced experience of intimacy in his life) experiences the bonding of intimacy with another man he thinks, I must be homosexual, and likewise this can happen for women. This is not the case; sexual relation, although it can be, is not necessarily the deepest level of intimacy.

For example, I am in an intimate relationship with another priest. (Why does this statement raise red flags in our minds? Distorted definitions?) We have been great friends for many years, and while there never has and never will be a physical component to the relationship, I would guarantee that our friendship is deeper than many married couples in the truest sense of the word intimacy. We share the deepest darkest struggles and the highest joys and call each other to task when we are not living our vocations worthily.

Sadly, in our current culture, such a relationship is labeled "incomplete" until the individuals are allowed to get married. Why do we continue to attempt to further distort definitions so as to meet our desires, only to find that our needs continue to starve?

Do you have intimate friends or are you starving for intimacy? Are you trying to fulfill your needs for intimacy with unworthy counterfeits? Thank God for the blessings of true friendship. Let us reclaim the depths of intimacy and hold one another accountable so as to live as true disciples of Jesus Christ.

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

ALWAYS BE READY
TO GIVE AN ANSWER



1 PETER 3:13-17

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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 Aug. 6	\$ 15,806
Weekly Collection to meet Fiscal Budget:	\$ 15,227
Fiscal Year Budgeted:	\$791,815
Collected Year to Date:	\$ 81,613

MONEY COUNTERS

Aug. 13	Michael Dick & Melissa Denning
Aug. 20	Derek & Vanessa Schumacher
Aug. 27	Nancy Duffy & Tammy Lawson
Sept. 3	Clint & Marie Froelich

Readings for Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, August 14 (St. Maximilian Kolbe)

Dt 10:12-22 / Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday, August 15

(The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab / 1 Cor 15:20-27 /

Lk 1:39-56

Wednesday, August 16

(St. Stephen of Hungary)

Dt 34:1-12 / Mt 18:15-20

Thursday, August 17

Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17 / Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday, August 18

Jos 24:1-13 / Mt 19:3-12

Saturday, August 19 (St. John Eudes)

Jos 24:14-29 / Mt 19:13-15

Sunday, August 20

Is 56:1, 6-7 / Rom 11:13-15, 29-32 / Mt 15:21-28

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

SCHOOL YEAR PARISH OFFICE HOURS:
Monday thru Friday: 8:00am to 3:30pm

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Masses, Intentions & Services

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

Mon. Aug. 14 5:30 p.m.+ Red & Sally Walters & Clarence Lang

Tues. Aug. 15 Noon People of the Parish

Wed. Aug. 16 7:00 a.m. Tom & Mildred Brungardt & Albinus & Velma Weigel Family

Fri. Aug. 18 7:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of Julie Koerner Family

Sat. Aug. 19 5:00 p.m.+ Robert & Lorene Pfannenstiel

Sun. Aug. 20 9:30 a.m.+ Frank Flax
11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR August 19 & 20

Saturday, 5:00 P.M. Mass

EMHC

Andy Beck
Deacon

Celina Beilman

Bryan Brady

Tamra Leiker

Mary Mellick

Mary Straub

Lectors

Marvin Kaiser #1

Bernice Kaiser #2

Altar Servers

Jake Brady

Carter Normandin

Dakota Normandin

Hospitality

Roger Weigel

Sacristan

Jessica

Normandin

Gift Bearers

Eric Schmidt

Sunday, 9:30 A.M. Mass

EMHC

Shannon Stauth

Deacon

Joel Dreiling

Pat Lang

LeRoy Lang

Pam Munsch

Bob Wasinger+

Lectors

Cory Munsch #1

Bill Meagher #2

Altar Servers

Hannah Klein

Hailey Klein

Sheldon Weber

Hospitality

Kelton Stecklein

Sacristan

Bill Weber

Gift Bearers

Jason Dechant

Sunday, 11:00 A.M. Mass

EMHC

Sarah Cain

Deacon

Jayne Inlow

Janet Kohl

Jan Stauth

Peter Waldschmidt

David Wasinger

Lectors

Hannah Keil #1

Patty Stull #2

Altar Servers

Elizabeth Bowles

Abby Heimerman

Avin Inlow

Hospitality

Bryan Schoepf

Sacristan

Keith Schmidt

Gift Bearers

Dianna Koerner

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.



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Tuesday, Aug. 15, is the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a holy day of obligation. St. Nicholas will offer Masses on Monday, Aug. 14, at 5:30pm and Tuesday, Aug. 15, at noon. St. Francis of Assisi, Munjor, will have Mass on Tuesday, at 5:30pm.

The Parish Office will be closed Tuesday, Aug. 15, in observance of the feast, Assumption of the Virgin Mary.

The Sympathy of the St. Nicholas Parish is extended to the family of Mary Lang.

Ladies of the Parish!!! You are invited to get Purse-onal. Monday, Aug. 21, at 7pm, in the St. Nicholas Parish Hall. A perfect night to come enjoy hors d'oeuvres, learn what we do, and join! Dues are \$5. Make sure to bring your favorite purse!!



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>

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.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats

Women and men of abortion, weep no more. Jesus is calling you to follow Him. Give yourself the 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

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.

VFW - Stars & Stripes Breakfast - Sunday, Sept. 10, from 7:30am to noon, VFW #9076, 22nd & Vine, Hays. Proceeds go to help the Sunflower Chapter of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia. Adult tickets are \$8.50, Children 5-12 yrs. \$3.50. Tickets may be purchased at the St. Joseph Parish Office or from Chapter Members: Kevin Rupp, Leon Wolf, Elmer Dreher, and Leonard Schoenberger. All you can eat breakfast.

St. Joseph Food Pantry

-- 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



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FAITH FORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Sacrament of Confirmation for St. Nicholas of Myra Candidates will be held during the 11am Mass Sunday, Aug. 13. Bishop Edward Weisenburger will preside.



The following young people will receive the Gifts of the Holy Spirit:

Kyleigh Allen	Japheth Briney
Kaitlyn Christen	Marissa Froelich
Sophia Garrison	Jadyn Gottschalk
Gaven Haselhorst	Jeffrey Heimann
Weston Hoskins	Camryn Hunziker
Ashton Klaus	Lucas Lang
Caitlin Leiker	Logan Leiker
Andrea Lopez	Maia Lummus
Emelia Morley	Caden Riat
Maggie Robben	Shannon Ruder
Brooklyn Schaffer	Makinsey Schlautman
Emma Schmidt	Kamryn Schoenberger
Trey Schumacher	Stanna Summers
Kaitlyn Suppes	Tucker Veach
Lauren Wagner	Annie Wasinger
Sasha Wasinger	Abby Werth
Madalyn William	Monique William
Kassidy Winter	Kassandra Zimmer
Elijah Zimmerman	

-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)

THE DAYS AHEAD

Aug. 14 K of C Meeting, 7pm

Aug. 16 Single and Beyond Food and Fellowship, 6pm, at Tiger Burger

Aug. 19 Men of Myra, 7:30am

-- Rosary in the St. Nicholas Church, 4:30pm

Aug. 20 Rosary in the St. Nicholas Church, 9am

SALINA DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

This weekend is the 2017 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal. Last week, you heard a message from Bishop Weisenburger encouraging your support for this important ministry. Pledge cards and remittance envelopes are available here at Mass. Please complete a pledge card and use the remittance envelope to place your donation in the parish offering today or mail directly to Catholic Charities. By making a contribution, you are partnering with Catholic Charities to provide a safety net for struggling individuals and families. Your support offers hope to people in desperate situations, so thank you for prayerfully considering a gift. All support is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Development Director, Eric Frank, at 785-825-0208 or efrank@ccnks.org.

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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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 (sistersagainstrafficking.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.

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!

-- **You can still support HFE** by recycling your aluminum cans in our trailer in the north parking lot, or by sending in boxtops and old cell phones! Labels that state "Labels for Education" on them are still accepted! Our Green School Committee safely disposes of old batteries, and we collect poptabs for the Ronald McDonald houses of America! Thanks for your support!

-- **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.

Dillions Community Rewards

Thank you to all of you who have signed up for the Dillions Community Rewards Program to support our Catholic Schools! Please sign up and join us if you have yet to do this.

The fiscal year 2015-16 amount received: \$28,578.29

The fiscal year 2016-17 amount received: \$22,776.98

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. 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

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