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FR. JARETT'S CATHOLIC Q & A

What is Apologetics?

Sometimes the best way to define something is to first understand what it is not. I once had a Catholic professor who didn't like apologetics because he perceived it to be a "defense" of the Catholic faith, and he didn't believe the Catholic Church needed to be defended, (and certainly not by some punk college student) as though the Church cannot defend herself, as she has done for 2000 years. In some sense he was correct. Jesus tells us in scripture that the gates of hell shall never prevail against His Church, we can be confident of that; however apologetics is not acting as a defender of the Church for the Church's sake. Rather, it is learning to defend the faith of the Church, for our own benefit, for the benefit of our fellow Catholics, as well as for the good of those who would attack or even ask sincere questions about the Church.



Apologetics is not apologizing for being Catholic, even though we can tend towards that, especially in the sacrificial seasons of the Liturgical year. "Oh, I guess we are going to have to change our Friday lunch plans, since Jon 'the Catholic' is coming along."

Lastly, apologetics is not simply something for recent Protestant converts to do in order to make a living in the Catholic Church.

No, apologetics is fulfilling the command of St. Peter, when he wrote in his first letter, "Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope, but do it with gentleness and reverence." Apologetics is giving a reasoned explanation for your Catholic faith.

Is it important? Extremely. I am sure almost all of us know a Catholic who left the Church because they were unable to answer some of the most basic questions about the Catholic faith. Often, we as Catholic have not been prepared to answer common objections from our Protestant brothers and sisters about Catholic practice and doctrine, and are therefore filled with doubt in the truth of the Catholic Church.

Aren't priests responsible to teach more apologetics? Yes, and so are you. The Second Vatican Council in its Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity said, "This sacred Synod earnestly exhorts laymen and women, each according to his natural gifts and learning, to be more diligent in doing their part to explain and defend Christian principles." That is apologetics; and we are all responsible to do it. Obviously not all of us are to teach classes in the diocese or at our parish, but at least at home with our children and grandchildren.

So often, Catholics have been taught or learned through experience the "what," but are unable to explain "why" we do what we do, or believe what we believe.

Would you be able to explain to a fellow Catholic or a Protestant brother or sister about the biblical foundations for intercessory prayer through the saints? Or why priests are called Father? Would you have the knowledge to pose a question to a Protestant brother or sister why they believe the Bible to be the only source of authority? Or why they don't pray for the dead as St. Paul did?

If the answer is no, then let us pray and discern how God is desiring to lead us to first be students and then apologists in our homes, in our parishes, or maybe even in our diocese.

If you are interested in learning more about these types of questions, please contact me for a list of resources.

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 Oct. 8	\$ 15,242
Weekly Collection to meet Fiscal Budget:	\$ 15,227
Fiscal Year Budgeted:	\$791,815
Collected Year to Date:	\$209,980

MONEY COUNTERS

Oct. 15	Danny Dinkel & Jennifer Brown
Oct. 22	Tammy Dreiling & Lisa Hess
Oct. 29	Myron & Carol Schlegel
Nov. 5	Ramie Wasinger & Judith Zerr-Schamberger

Readings for Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, October 16

(St. Hedwig & St. Margaret Mary Alacoque)

Rom 1:1-7 / Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday, October 17 (St. Ignatius of Antioch)

Rom 1:16-25 / Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday, October 18 (St. Luke)

2 Tm 4:10-17b / Lk 10:1-9

Thursday, October 19 (SS. John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues and Companions)

Rom 3:21-30 / Lk 11:47-54

Friday, October 20 (St. Paul of the Cross)

Rom 4:1-8 / Lk 12:1-7

Saturday, October 21

Rom 4:13, 16-18 / Lk 12:8-12

Sunday, October 22

Is 45:1, 4-6 / 1 Thes 1:1-5b / Mt 22:15-21

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



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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Masses, Intentions & Services

Sat. Oct. 14	5:00 p.m.+ Clayton & Carolyn Engel
Sun. Oct. 15	9:30 a.m. + Jacob C. & Sophia Stecklein
	11:00 a.m. People of the Parish
Wed. Oct. 18	7:00 a.m.+ John Mindrup
Fri. Oct. 20	7:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of Julie Koerner Family
Sat. Oct. 21	5:00 p.m.+ Herb 'Dutch' Koerner
Sun. Oct. 22	9:30 a.m. People of the Parish
	11:00 a.m.+ Tony 'Red' Pfeifer

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR Oct. 21 & 22

Saturday, 5:00 P.M. Mass

EMHC	Lectors	Hospitality
Mary Straub	Pam Dreiling #1	Kendall Foss
Deacon	Keith Dreiling #2	
Vanessa Schumacher		Sacristan
Celina Beilman	Altar Servers	Jessica
Courtney Brady	Carter Normandin	Normandin
Jo Good	Dakota Normandin	Gift Bearers
Mary Toepfer	Kennedy Normandin	Grey May

Sunday, 9:30 A.M. Mass

EMHC	Lectors	Hospitality
Gene Flax	Marie Froelich #1	David
Deacon	Joe Mindrup #2	Montgomery
Theresa Flax		Sacristan
Paula Flesher	Altar Servers	Bill Weber
Connie Grant	Joseph Mindrup	
Keri Veach	Bryce Wasinger	Gift Bearers
Ramie Wasinger+	Sheldon Weber	Allen Goodman

Sunday, 11:00 A.M. Mass

EMHC	Lectors	Hospitality
Mary Hickman	Patty Stull #1	Lori
Deacon	Jorge Vazquez #2	Krannawitter
Jayne Clark		Sacristan
Melissa Schoepf	Altar Servers	Austin Klaus
Jan Stauth	Abby Heimerman	
David Wasinger	Lucas Lang	Gift Bearers
Jenny Wittman	Ashton Rickford	Jessica Lang

Help is needed for all ministries for All Saints Day Masses. Sign-up sheets are available in the gathering space.

Thank you!!

October - The Month of the Rosary



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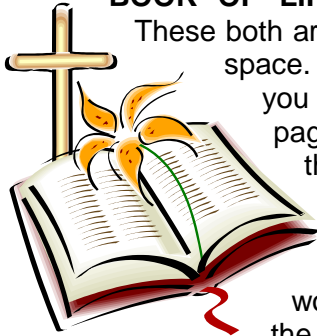
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WE WELCOME IN BAPTISM

Brextyn Pfannenstiel, son of Tyler Pfannenstiel and Brandy Kirmer. He will be baptized on Sunday, Oct. 15.




BOOK OF LIFE/BOOK OF THE DEAD:



These both are on display in the gathering space. During the month of October, you are invited to add memorial pages to the Book of Life and list the names of your beloved dead in the Book of the Dead. Both books will be incorporated into our worship environment during the month of November.

The Ladies Guild will meet on Monday, Oct. 16. Gather in the church for a rosary at 6:45pm. The meeting will begin at 7pm. Justin Baalman will guide us in the use of the AED. Also some info on the parish disaster plan. Call Jean at 625-9348 or Karen at 913-370-1133 for questions or a ride to the meeting. Child care provided.



 **This is the 23rd year for our annual St. Nicholas Soup Day.** The date is Sunday, Oct. 22, in the parish hall. Serving times are 11:30am to 1pm, and again from 4:30 to 6:30pm. We will be serving homemade chicken noodle soup, homemade chili, chicken salad sandwiches, hot dogs, relishes and dessert, along with a drink. A FREE WILL offering is requested. We are in need of shoe boxes for carryout orders and also donations of pies, cakes, food and cash. If you can help with any of these or volunteer your time to assist in the preparation and serving of meals, that would be greatly appreciated. To volunteer or donate, you can sign up before and after masses or contact Mary Mellick at 785-628-8896 or by email at swt7kity@gmail.com

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

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next week, we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Its theme this year is "Mission at the Heart of Christian Faith." Please keep the Missions in your prayers and be generous in next week's collection for the Society of the Propagation of the Faith.

Calling all Catholic moms! You are invited to join Catholic Motherhood, a group of women from area parishes who support each other in our motherly vocations. Meeting is scheduled for Oct. 16, at 7:30pm. For more information about this group and for location details, please contact Mary Schroeder at 621-2121.

"Surviving & Thriving" is the theme for the 22nd Annual "Day of Caring" brunch and fashion show at FHSU Memorial Union on Oct. 21, beginning at 9am. Come celebrate a day of Breast Cancer Awareness and Survivorship. Models are breast cancer survivors. Tickets available for \$20 a person until Oct. 16. For more information call the Cancer Council of Ellis County at 625-6653.



The Daughters of Isabella will be hosting a food/crafts bingo at Immaculate Heart of Mary Activity Center on Sunday, Oct. 22, at 1:30pm. All are invited for an afternoon of fun and entertainment. Members are asked to drop off their items after noon.



St. Nicholas Knights of Columbus is again sponsoring the Annual Pro-Life Baby Shower. A playpen will be available in the gathering space of church during the month of October to collect baby and young mother items. These will be presented to the Catholic Charities of Hays in early November. Contact Bryan Brady at 639-5095. Many thanks for your generosity!

Christmas Food Basket and Teaming up for Tots sign up is Oct. 2 thru Nov. 17. Must be an Ellis County Resident and Low Income. Sign up at the Community Assistance Center 12th and Oak St. To Sponsor a family for the Christmas Food Box is \$50.00.

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St. Joseph Cemetery maintenance staff will begin preparing the cemetery for All Souls Day, beginning on October 9th. We ask that you remove any floral arrangements or decorations that you wish to keep, 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. As this is the final cleaning, trimming and mowing of the current growing season, please allow approximately two weeks before placing any items back in the cemetery. Your cooperation will be appreciated!

Katharinenstadt's Essenfest will be held on Oct. 22, from 11am to 2pm, at Kennedy Middle School. The contestants wanting to enter the German Style Cook-off can only enter if they are making a German Style Dish. Some of the favorites of course are Greenbean and Dumpling Soup, Sauerkraut, Brats, Raw Hamburger, Bierocks, any flavor Kuchen, Spitzbuben, ect. There will also be raffle prizes and a mini bake sale along with. Anyone wanting to attend and of course be the taste testers will need a \$5 to get in. For details to enter or to attend please contact Sarah Shubert at 785-656-2399, sarah.shubert@outlook.com, or on our Public Facebook event page Katharinenstadt's Essenfest.

Our Lady Help of Christians Christian Mothers Fall Bake Sale Pre-Order from Oct. 1 until Oct. 28. Pick up is Saturday, Nov. 4, from 2 to 5:30pm, in the Church Basement, Antonino, KS. South of HWY 183, 5 miles from Hays and then 3 miles West on Antonino Rd. Items for Sale: Frozen Pies: Apple, Cherry or Peach (\$12.00 each) and Cinnamon Rolls (1/2 dz - \$8.00; 1dz - \$15.00). Contact Laurie Pfannenstiel to pre-order at 785-639-0703 or cmofantonino@gmail.com or contact any OLHC Chirstian Mother.




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.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Joseph Food Pantry

-- Food Pantry Date is on Oct. 21.
-- Item of the month—Proteins... canned tuna, chicken, ham, stew, chef-boy-ar-dee, etc. 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.
-- PLEASE NOTE THIS CHANGE IN LOCATION FOR DONATIONS: With the anticipated move out of the Parish Service Center, the location for the Food Barrels for pantry donations will change! Beginning Monday, Oct. 23, Nonperishable Food Items as well as Medium sized boxes may be brought to the Parish School Building, Doors 25 & 26, near the gym, from 8am – 3pm Monday through Friday.
-- Thank you for your support. Call/email Renee to volunteer at 628-8434 or michauds@ruraltel.net



The 20th Annual Coat Drive is being held now through Oct. 21. Coats may be taken to Master Cleaners, Top Notch, North McDonald's only, or any school. Those needing a coat, hat, or gloves can select one on Oct. 21, 9am to 2pm, at Master Cleaners or Top Notch.

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.

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SALINA DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear Friends: the images of Puerto Rico coming to us in the news media are deeply disturbing. The power grid has collapsed from the hurricane and the humanitarian situation may be the worst yet of the multiple crises we have faced in recent weeks. I understand fully the financial strain I am asking many to undertake once again by contributing to help our brothers and sisters so greatly in need. However, not to provide you with an opportunity to be of help would be a grave lack of charity on my part. We will take up a **collection on the weekend of Oct. 28 & 29**, which will be disbursed by Catholic Charities USA. Checks should be made out to the name of your local parish. I also am asking that all members of the Salina Diocese pray the Novena for Victims of Natural Disasters printed below. It will begin on the weekend of Oct. 21 & 22 and conclude on the ninth day, Oct. 29. Whether you are able to make a monetary contribution or not I urge you to take part in our emergency spiritual assistance for our brothers and sisters so greatly in need. You are an exceptional people and I am deeply grateful for your goodness.

Bishop Edward J. Weisenburger

Lord God, we pray for those who have been devastated by recent natural disasters, especially the people of Puerto Rico, many of whom have lost everything and are now refugees from home. We remember those who have lost their lives so suddenly, and hold in our hearts the families forever changed by grief and loss. Bring them consolation and comfort. Surround them with our prayer for strength, and inspire us to perfect unity with them as our brothers and sisters. Bless those who have survived and grant them the strength and courage to face the long road of rebuilding their lives.

We ask too that you bless the work of relief agencies and those providing emergency assistance. May their efforts be guided by the grace and strength that comes from You alone. Help us to respond with generosity in prayer, in assistance, and in aid, to the best of our abilities. And keep our hearts focused on the needs of those affected, even after the crisis is over. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

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OCTOBER Alert – According to Covenant House, “each year in the U.S. as many as 2 million youth experience a period of homelessness, and every year more than 5,000 of these young people lose their lives to the streets.” MAKE A DIFFERENCE by learning about, and advocating for, youth in your area. 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 DAYS AHEAD

- Oct. 15** Heartland Parishes Retreat/Mass from 3 to 5pm, St. Nicholas Church
- Oct. 16** Ladies Guild Meeting, 7pm
- Oct. 17** Community Assistance Center Garage Sale 12th & Oak St. 8 to 11am
- Oct. 18** Single and Beyond Food and Fellowship, 6pm, at JD's Country Style Chicken, 740 E. 8th St.
- Oct. 19** Finance Council Meeting, noon
-- RCIA, 6:30pm
- Oct. 21** Men of Myra, 7:30am
-- Rosary in the St. Nicholas Church, 4:30pm
- Oct. 22** Rosary in the St. Nicholas Church, 9am

CYO ANNOUNCEMENTS

Oct. 15 – CYO Meeting, 6:30pm

-- **Keep up-to-date on information** by watching the website at www.stn-church.com/faith-formation/cyo You can also sign up for our Remind Texts. Download instructions on the CYO webpage

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ADULT FAITH FORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us if you haven't yet. We would love to have you. Information is on our website at <http://stn-church.com/faith-formation/adult-education>

Oct. 18 – Bible Basics 101 - Class, 6:15-7:15pm, at Kennedy

Next Class - How do we know that our Faith is Right? -Begins Nov. 15. (Signup Info on the website)

FAITH FORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Oct. 18 – Class, 6:15-7:15pm, at Kennedy

Oct. 25 – Reconciliation, 6:15-7:15pm, at St. Nicholas Church
-- Grades K-2nd will meet in the Parish Hall for an activity
--Grades 3rd-8th will meet in the Church for Reconciliation

CATHOLIC SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy Family Elementary

-- 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 pop tabs 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 Jr. Sr. High School**
The new school year is underway, and we are looking forward to this being great year. This is always a great time to say thanks to all of you who have helped our schools get started and on a path to success. We couldn't do it without all of the wonderful people in our Parishes and Communities!

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

-- **Monarch Madness Football Winners:** To keep up with who wins each week check out our website at <https://tmp-m.org/monarch-football-madness-2017/>

-- **TMP-Marian Bake Sale – Oct. 27**
Bierocks \$35.00 per dozen; Frozen Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough \$8.00 each (makes 2 ½ to 3 dozen cookies). Deadline for all orders is Thursday, Oct. 19. Pick up orders from 3 to 6pm, on Oct. 27, in TMP-M Dining room



-- **Monarch Masquerade** will be on Halloween from 4 to 6pm, on Halloween in the main building at TMP-Marian. It is for children up through sixth grade to trick or treat in a safe environment and get lots of treats in a short time. This event is put on by the TMP-M JH STUCO.

-- **Substitute Cook Needed.** We are currently looking to hire someone as a substitute cook in the kitchen. Please contact Carol Feauto if you are interested.