

# Sunday, November 19, 2017: Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

## FR. JARETT'S CATHOLIC Q & A

ALWAYS BE READY  
TO GIVE AN ANSWER



1 PETER 3:13-17

### ***What are the rules and/or guidelines of the Catholic Church in regard to cremation?***

In the month of November the Church's liturgy directs us into reflection on end of life/The Last Things reflections as we prepare for the final celebration of the liturgical year, the 34<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Christ the King. Thus, we thought it good to reflect on a common question in that area.

The Catholic Catechism goes in-depth when speaking about many topics and teachings of the Church. On the topic of cremation, it gives us twenty words. “The Church permits cremation, provided that it does not demonstrate a denial of faith in the resurrection of the body.” (#2301) Therefore, to

answer the first question as to whether cremation is allowed, the answer is that the Catholic Church does permit cremation. According to Canon Law the Church recommends “the pious custom of burying the bodies of the deceased” however it does not prohibit cremation.

What about the funeral mass, is the funeral mass allowed in the presence of the cremated remains instead of having the traditional funeral with the body in a casket? The answer to this question is yes. “The Church clearly prefers and urges that the body of the deceased be present for the funeral rites, since the presence of the human body better expresses the values which the Church affirms in those rites.” (*Order of Christian Funerals* #413) Here we are reminded that the Catholic Church prefers that the body be present for the funeral liturgy because of the symbolism in performing this ritual with the white baptismal pall and the blessing of the casket/body with Holy Water, and other special symbolism. However, when the situation requires, the family is allowed to have a funeral mass in the presence of the cremated remains.

Is it okay to scatter the ashes? “The cremated remains of a body should be treated with the same respect given to the human body from which they come...The cremated remains should be buried in a grave or entombed in a mausoleum. The practice of scattering cremated remains on the sea, from the air, or on the ground, or keeping cremated remains in the home of a relative or friend of the deceased are not the reverent disposition that the Church requires.” (*OCF* #417)

Traditionally, there seems to be two reasons for this regulation. First, because scattering ashes does not seem to show the proper respect and dignity for the body. The second reason why “scattering” is not allowed is because it has been a tradition of Christianity that the deceased be buried or entombed in a spot where they can be memorialized and where an individual or group can gather for prayer. In the early Church, Christians would celebrate masses in the catacombs (underground burial chambers) upon the tombs of the martyrs as a memorial and also to ask for their intercession. It is important for us as Catholics to offer prayers for those who have died. These prayers are especially powerful to us in our sensual experience when we can go to a place where we know our friends or relatives were physically buried. If we scatter the remains we lose the opportunity for a physical place for prayer and memorial.

Lastly, it seemed to be within God's plan for Jesus to be placed in a tomb for three days before His resurrection. There is important symbolism for us as Christians that after we die our bodies are buried or placed in a tomb as we await the second coming and the resurrection of the body.

Have questions, clarifications, or concerns. Email them to Fr. Jarett at [father.konrade@eaglecom.net](mailto:father.konrade@eaglecom.net)

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## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Tithing: Your Gift to God

Fiscal Year: July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018

Collection for the week of Nov. 12	\$ 14,827
Weekly Collection to meet Fiscal Budget:	\$ 15,227
Fiscal Year Budgeted:	\$791,815
Collected Year to Date:	\$280,589

### MONEY COUNTERS

Nov. 19	Bill & Tiffany Weber
Nov. 26	Tim & Tina Zimmerman
Dec. 3	Scott & Terri Braun
Dec. 10	Frank & Maureen Mindrup

### Readings for Thirty-Third Week in Ordinary Time

#### Monday, November 20

1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63 / Lk 18:35-43

#### Tuesday, November 21

**(The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary)**

2 Mc 6:18-31 / Lk 19:1-10

#### Wednesday, November 22 (St. Cecilia)

2 Mc 7:1, 20-31 / Lk 19:11-28

#### Thursday, November 23

**(St. Clement I, St. Columban)**

1 Mc 2:15-29 / Lk 19:41-44

#### Friday, November 24

**(St. Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions)**

1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59 / Lk 19:45-48

#### Saturday, November 25

**(St. Catherine of Alexandria)**

1 Mc 6:1-13 / Lk 20:27-40

#### Sunday, November 26

**(Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe)**

Ez 34:11-12, 15-17 / 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28 /

Mt 25:31-46

### Sign-up sheets for all December Feast Day/Holiday

Ministries are available in the gathering space!  
Inform the parish office of dates you will be  
unable to participate in ministries.

(628-1446 or e-mail [rfweigel@eaglecom.net](mailto:rfweigel@eaglecom.net))

### Dates & Times are as follows:

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary:

Friday, Dec. 8 @ 12:10 p.m.  
5:30 p.m.

### Christmas Eve:

Saturday, Dec. 24 @ 5:00 p.m.  
12:00 a.m.

### Christmas Day:

Sunday, Dec. 25 @ 9:00 a.m.

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Masses, Intentions & Services

Sat. Nov. 18	5:00 p.m.+	George Unrein
Sun. Nov. 19	9:30 a.m.+	Conrad & Kathryn Hoffman
	11:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
Wed. Nov. 22	7:00 a.m.+	LeRoy Richmeier
Thurs. Nov. 23	8:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased of Dorothy Dechant Family
Fri. Nov. 24	7:00 a.m.	NO MASS
Sat. Nov. 25	5:00 p.m.+	Robert Unrein
Sun. Nov. 26	9:30 a.m.+	Lenora & Mary Lang, & Barbara Randa
	11:00 a.m.	People of the Parish

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR Nov. 25 & 26

#### Saturday, 5:00 P.M. Mass

<b>EMHC</b>	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Hospitality</b>
Celina Beilman	Tammy Dreiling #1	Scott Braun
Deacon	Gloria Mlinek #2	
Glen Gabel		<b>Sacristan</b>
Gracemary Melvin	<b>Altar Servers</b>	Marilyn Gabel
Thelma Nickelson	Marissa Froelich	
Neil Nickelson	Lily Garrison	<b>Gift Bearers</b>
Mary Straub	Caden Riat	Roger Weigel

#### Sunday, 9:30 A.M. Mass

<b>EMHC</b>	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Hospitality</b>
Bernice Kaiser	Karen Moeder #1	Bill Montgomery
Deacon	Joe Glassman #2	
Geralyn Allen		<b>Sacristan</b>
Linda Glassman	<b>Altar Servers</b>	Tasha Werth
Sara Humphrey	Hailey Klein	
Eric Moeder	Hannah Klein	<b>Gift Bearers</b>
Nolan Allen +	Emmy Morley	Jason Dechant

#### Sunday, 11:00 A.M. Mass

<b>EMHC</b>	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Hospitality</b>
Jenny Wittman	Hannah Keil #1	Mike Ling
Deacon	Eileen Anderson #2	
Sarah Cain		<b>Sacristan</b>
Mary Hickman	<b>Altar Servers</b>	Austin Klaus
Janet Kohl	Keiarra Gonzales	
Rose McFarland	Jaxon Zimmerman	<b>Gift Bearers</b>
Bob Wasinger	Lakyn Zimmerman	Kory Meyers



**2018 CALENDARS** are available in the gathering space. Please extend a thank you to Hyle and Ann Hugunin, and Kevin Kuhn Hays Memorial Chapel for making these calendars available for the Heartland Parishes of Ellis County.

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## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE PARISH OFFICE** will be closed at noon on Wednesday, Nov. 22 and be closed on Thursday, Nov. 23, Friday, Nov. 24.

**BE A THANKSGIVER** – The monetary offerings at our Thanksgiving Mass will be donated to the Ellis County Ministerial Alliance for the Second Mile Fund. Envelopes will be located in the gathering space. Please make checks payable to ECMA.

**BLESSING OF FOODS** for your table will take place within our 8am Thanksgiving Day Mass.



**Advent candles sign-up sheet!** Prior to the procession for mass we will have families/individuals process in with the Advent candles and place them on the wreath. A sign-up sheet will be available in the gathering space for anyone interested in this Stewardship opportunity.



### **SYMBOLON** Want to know more about your Catholic

**Faith?** Symbolon is a great tool for learning. The format is video and small group discussion. Sessions are presented on Thursdays in St. Nicholas Parish Hall beginning at 7pm. This is with the RCIA group and is open to the public. There is no cost or commitment. Just come and go as you wish. You are invited to join in and learn more about a given topic or to participate in the entire learning event if you like. It's up to you. Call Deacon Scott Watford at the Parish Office 628-1446 if you want more information. Here are the November topics:

**Thursday, Nov. 23, No Meeting  
Thanksgiving Break  
Thursday, Nov. 30, 7:00 p.m.  
Knowing the Faith Session 3:  
The Bible**

**The Ladies Guild** will meet on Monday, Nov. 20. Gather in the church for a rosary at 6:45pm. Meeting will begin at 7pm. A Fort Hays massage therapist will speak. Could you be the lucky winner of a massage? Call Jean at 625-9348 or Karen at 913-370-1133 for questions or a ride to the meeting. Child care provided.

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**December is a busy time of year and it will soon be upon us!** Christmas is on a Monday this year! Christmas Eve Masses will include a 5pm, and a Midnight Mass on Dec. 24, at St Nicholas of Myra (there will also be a 9am, Mass Christmas Day). The 5pm, Christmas Eve Mass is geared toward children and will include a children's program and an adult/youth choir. We will need children and adults to read for the program, and children to portray Mary, Joseph, angels, and shepherds as well as singers/instrumentalists for the choir. We will also need help with costumes!! The music for Midnight Mass will be celebrated with a choir and will begin with prelude carols. If you or your family are interested in sharing the beautiful spirit of Christmas by participating as a member of the Christmas program or instrumentalist or choir(s), please contact Cheryl and Amanda at [snomusicdirector@gmail.com](mailto:snomusicdirector@gmail.com) or call Cheryl at 785-650-1589. We look forward to celebrating the wondrous birth of our Savior with you!!

**The first practice for St. Nicholas Choir and children for 5pm Christmas Eve Mass** is Monday Nov. 20, at 6:30pm. The first practice for St. Nicholas Midnight Mass Choir will be Monday Nov. 20, at 7:30pm. We will meet in church. Thank you! Cheryl Glassman, St. Nicholas Music Director.

**Calling on all Hospitality representatives:** At our recent ministry training, hospitality representatives were made aware of changes in their guidelines and duties. Hospitality representatives are now the "go-to" people during an emergency/non-emergency situation. This makes it especially important that you sit in the reserved pew in the back, notify Children's Liturgy when to return, and attain a replacement if you cannot attend your assigned Mass. If you missed the ministry training, please read the revised guidelines sent to you via email, or request a copy of the revised guidelines from the parish office. Thank you for sharing your talents at St. Nicholas of Myra.



**St. Nicholas of Myra Blood Drive** will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 5, from noon to 6pm, in the Parish Hall. Please contact the Parish Office at 628-1446, to make an appointment.

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## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### National Night of Prayer for Life

On Dec. 8 & 9, from 9pm to 12am, National Hour of Unity is 12am to 1am (Est) at St. Joseph Church, will participate in the National Night of Prayer for Life. The purpose is to unite our prayers with Catholics throughout the country in an effort to help bring back the world to Christ and to bring about an end to abortion. The hours are chosen to coincide with Our Lady of Guadalupe's appearance to Juan Diego. This is a Heartland Parishes of Ellis County event.



**Created for a Purpose** Tune in to Divine Mercy Radio Nov. 28 – Dec. 1 for KVDM's Fall Care-a-Thon. Chance to win prizes play Catholic Trivia, hear from local guests. Here are guests of interest, for a complete schedule go to [dvmercy.com](http://dvmercy.com)

#### Tuesday, Nov. 28

8am – Bob Leikam  
1pm – Troy Ruda  
5pm – Bob Feauto

#### Wednesday, Nov. 29

10am – Chad Meitner

#### Thursday, Nov. 30

1pm – Rachel Wentling  
4pm – Fr. Jarett Konrade

#### Friday, Dec. 1

10am – Shirley Dinkel  
4 to 6pm – Straight Talk with Fr. Fred  
(Time to call in and ask any question about the Catholic Faith. Call-in number: 785-621-5061.)

**All Catholic moms are invited** to join Catholic Motherhood, a group of ladies from area parishes who support each other in our motherly vocations. Please plan to join us for one of our casual gatherings at 7:30pm, on Nov. 20. Locations vary so please contact Mary at 785-621-2121 for details.

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

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Food Pantry Drop-Off:** With the anticipated move out of the Parish Service Center, the location for the Food Barrels for pantry donations will change. Nonperishable food items as well as medium sized boxes may be brought to the parish school building, formerly Kennedy, doors 25 & 26, near the gym, from 8am to 3pm, Monday through Friday.

-- 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 collection, left at the Parish Service Center or you may donate on line by going to <https://stj-church.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities/St.JosephFoodPantry>

-- To volunteer to help at the St. Joseph Food Pantry contact Renee Michaud at 785-628-8434 or [michauds@ruraltel.net](mailto:michauds@ruraltel.net)



### "Healing After Loss" Event

Healing After Loss is an organization offering hope, encouragement, and understanding to those who have had an adult loss such as a spouse, parent, sibling, or friend in their lives. The group will eat supper at 5:30pm, Tuesday, Nov. 21, at Thirsty's Bar & Grill, 2704 Vine St., Hays, KS. They will then gather at 7pm, in The Center for Life Experience, 2900 Hall Street, Hays. For information, contact Ann Leiker at 785-259-6859 or email [ccfpc@ruraltel.net](mailto:ccfpc@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.

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Please check out our Website at  
<http://stn-church.com/>.



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go to [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net). Our parish code is **KS870**

## FAITH FORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Nov. 22** – NO CLASS – Have a Happy Thanksgiving  
**Nov. 29** – Class 6:15-7:15pm, at Kennedy

## Jr. CYO ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- **Jr. CYO** will meet on Dec. 3, at 1:30pm, for a Christmas/gift wrapping party. PLEASE BRING GIFTS FOR CHILDREN OF ELLIS COUNTY. We will be donating them to First Care to be distributed to children here in Hays. Extra shoeboxes would be appreciated also. We will supply the paper and tape! All 6-8th graders are welcome!!

## CYO ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- **Our Young people** will be heading to NCYC this week!! Please keep them and all those traveling to the conference in your prayers this week.

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

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

**New Class Starts! Class 2 – How do we know that our Faith is Right?** – With so many faiths and religions in the world how do we know that the Catholic Church is the true Church? How do we even know that God is real? We will answer all of these questions as we dig into the Catholic Faith. All of us come to our faith in different ways. Some come to recognize the truth through the Sacred Scriptures. Some come to the Church through reason and logic. We will discuss Aquinas's five proofs of God's existence, how science and religion work together to reveal God, and how we know that Jesus is the true founder of the Catholic Church. Join us as we also learn about Papal Authority, Marian Dogmas, The Eucharist, Confession, and the Mass.  
Dates: Nov. 29, Dec. 6, and 13 (No Class on Nov. 22.)

**Adult Sign-up Information – Signup forms can be found in the Parish Gathering Space or printed off on-line**

<http://stn-church.com/faith-formation/adult-education>

## THE DAYS AHEAD

- Nov. 20** Ladies Guild Meeting, 7pm
- Nov. 21** Community Assistance Center Garage Sale  
12<sup>th</sup> & Oak St. 8 to 11am
- Nov. 25** Men of Myra, 7:30am  
-- Rosary in the St. Nicholas Church, 4:30pm
- Nov. 26** Rosary in the St. Nicholas Church, 9am



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## SALINA DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Please be generous in this week's collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

In the United States, one in six people lives in poverty. With this collection you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those who are struggling across the country. In addition, 25 percent of funds collected remains in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at [www.usccb.org/cchd/collection](http://www.usccb.org/cchd/collection).

**NOVEMBER Alert** – The observance of Thanksgiving is often over-shadowed by Black Friday, a marketing sensation. Every day is a marketing opportunity for predators who shop globally on the internet. GATHER a group to study about internet exploitation of men, women, and children. U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking ([sistersagainsttrafficking.org](http://sistersagainsttrafficking.org))



**2018 MARCH FOR LIFE IN WASHINGTON, D.C.** is Friday Jan. 19, 2018. We are less than 3 months away! 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. There is room for more pilgrims. Information and online registration available @ [salinadiocese.org/respect-life](http://salinadiocese.org/respect-life). Time is running out though, so don't wait. Contact the Respect Life Office at [respectlife@salinadiocese.org](mailto: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



-- **Holy Family Elementary is looking to** hire a paraprofessional. Interested individuals need to be available to work Monday-Friday from 8am to 2pm. The hourly rate is \$8.50-9.00/hour. This job is appropriate for those who enjoy working closely with children. Duties may include supervision in the classroom, recess, or at lunch; assisting with classroom instruction or assessment; and preparation of classroom materials. Applications may be picked up in the office of Holy Family from 7:30am until 4pm on school days. Questions can be directed to Mrs. Rachel Wentling, principal. Contact her at 785-625-3131 or [rwentling@hfehays.org](mailto:rwentling@hfehays.org).

-- **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](http://www.hfehays.org)



### Thomas More Prep-Marian Jr. Sr. High School

-- **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](http://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/>

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