

# Sunday, December 31, 2017: Feast of the Holy Family

## FR. JARETT'S CATHOLIC Q & A

***If I go to a funeral and a daily mass both in the same day, can I receive communion at both services?***

Canon 917 of the Code of Canon Law states, "A person who has already received the Most Holy Eucharist can receive it a second time on the same day only within the Eucharistic celebration in which the person participates." Therefore, to answer the question, yes, communion can be received more than once in a day, if an individual participates in a full Eucharistic celebration. For example, if you go to Sunday mass and then attend a church dedication ceremony later that same day you could receive the Eucharist at both services. However, as the canon states, an individual "can receive it a second time," implying that we should not receive the Eucharist more than twice in one day.



As with any gift, the more frequently we are permitted to "use it" the easier it is to take for granted how extraordinary the gift really is. It is so easy to approach communion with thousands of other things on our minds or even to approach with the wrong motivation altogether. For example, the temptation to want to receive Communion twice in a day only because we don't want to be the only ones left sitting in the pew. What might people think about us if we remain in the pew? Let us pray that we might never take for granted the invaluable gift we have been given in the opportunity to receive our Lord truly present to us in the Eucharist; and the gift to do so frequently.

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

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Tithing: Your Gift to God Fiscal Year: July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018

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| Collection for the week of Dec. 24       | \$ 34,984 |
| Weekly Collection to meet Fiscal Budget: | \$ 15,227 |
| Fiscal Year Budgeted:                    | \$791,815 |
| Collected Year to Date:                  | \$394,560 |

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| Dec. 31 | Bryan & Melissa Schoepf                    |
| Jan. 7  | Jared & Ashley Bauck, Courtney Brady       |
| Jan. 14 | Michael & Melissa Dick & Kerry Schuckman   |
| Jan. 21 | Derek & Vanessa Schumacher & Kathy Stenzel |

 **CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS WILL BE TAKEN DOWN** on Sunday, Jan. 7, 1pm, as we return to the celebration of Ordinary Time on our church calendar. Your help would be appreciated as we end the Christmas season.

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Readings for Christmas Weekdays

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| <b>Monday, January 1</b><br><b>(Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God)</b><br>Nm 6:22-27 / Gal 4:4-7 / Lk 2:16-21 |
| <b>Tuesday, January 2</b><br><b>(SS. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen)</b><br>1 Jn 2:22-28 / Jn 1:19-28          |
| <b>Wednesday, January 3</b><br><b>(The Most Holy Name of Jesus)</b><br>1 Jn 2:29-3:6 / Jn 1:29-34                     |
| <b>Thursday, January 4 (St. Elizabeth Ann Seton)</b><br>1 Jn 3:7-10 / Jn 1:35-42                                      |
| <b>Friday, January 5 (St. John Neumann)</b><br>1 Jn 3:11-21 / Jn 1:43-51  |
| <b>Saturday, January 6 (St. Andre Bessette)</b><br>1 Jn 5:5-13 / Mk 1:7-11 or<br>Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38    |
| <b>Sunday, January 7 (The Epiphany of the Lord)</b><br>Is 60:1-6 / Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 / Mt 2:1-12                        |

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Many thanks for the lovely poinsettias. Contributing to our "Christmas Flower" Fund were: Esther Wasinger (Edward & Gregory Wasinger); Anita Karlin (Martha Culbreath & Ed & Anita Karlin Family); Diana Fisher (Ralph Fisher); Georgine Staab (Matt Staab); Don & Norma Weimer (Dreher & Weimer Families); Alan & Kay Hoffman (Deceased members of the families of Alan & Kay Hoffman); Kathleen Bittner (William Bittner & Marc Miller); Linda Wood; Geraldine Pfeifer (Tony "Red" & Danny Pfeifer); Dianna Koerner; Ann Ruder (Marcellus & Marcella Ruder); Howard & Arlene Rome (Joe, Helen, & Sabrina Steckline, Pete & Rose Rome); Rich & Deb Maska & Steve & Jenifer Riat Family (James & Martina Maska & Pasty Jensen); Gloria Mlinek (Dave & Aylene Barrett); Cash Dreiling and Robert Augustine.

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR Jan. 6 & 7

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

|                 |                      |                     |
|-----------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| <b>EMHC</b>     | <b>Lectors</b>       | <b>Hospitality</b>  |
| Alan Hoffman    | Emily Reif #1        | John Allen          |
| Deacon          | Michael Reif #2      |                     |
| Andy Beck       |                      | <b>Sacristan</b>    |
| Glen Gabel      | <b>Altar Servers</b> | Marilyn Gabel       |
| Stephanie Howie | Marissa Froelich     |                     |
| Tamra Leiker    | Lily Garrison        | <b>Gift Bearers</b> |
| Mary Straub     | Jalynn Weilert       | Norma Keller        |

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

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|----------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| <b>EMHC</b>    | <b>Lectors</b>       | <b>Hospitality</b>  |
| Gene Flax      | Joe Glassman #1      | Tom Reichert        |
| Deacon         | Mike Morley #2       |                     |
| Theresa Flax   |                      | <b>Sacristan</b>    |
| Linda Glassman | <b>Altar Servers</b> | Cory Munsch         |
| Connie Grant   | Braxton Fritzier     |                     |
| Pam Munsch     | Emmy Morley          | <b>Gift Bearers</b> |
| Bob Wasinger + | Annie Wasinger       | Allen Goodman       |

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

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| <b>EMHC</b>           | <b>Lectors</b>       | <b>Hospitality</b>  |
| Melissa Schoepf       | Jorge Vazquez #1     | John Lang           |
| Deacon                | Jorge Vazquez #2     |                     |
| Deborah Schmidtberger |                      | <b>Sacristan</b>    |
| Jan Stauth            | <b>Altar Servers</b> | Sarah Cain          |
| Peter Waldschmidt     | Leah Cain            |                     |
| David Wasinger        | Lucas Lang           | <b>Gift Bearers</b> |
| Jenny Wittman         | Anabelle Leach       | Matt Woydziak       |

The St. Nicholas Parish Office will be closed on Monday Jan. 1.

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Masses, Intentions & Services

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| Sat. Dec. 30 | 5:00 p.m.+ | Karl Schmidtberger  |
| Sun. Dec. 31 | 9:30 a.m.+ | Wendelin 'Buddy', Alvera,<br>Robert Dinges &<br>Emily Gross |
|              | 11:00 a.m. | People of the Parish  |
| Mon. Jan. 1  | 12:10 p.m. | People of the Parish  |
| Wed. Jan. 3  | 7:00 a.m.+ | Edna Dreiling   |
| Fri. Jan. 5  | 7:00 a.m.  | Living & Deceased of<br>Don & Harriet Wasinger<br>Family    |
| Sat. Jan. 6  | 5:00 p.m.+ | Robert, Lucy, &<br>Luciana Brull                            |
| Sun. Jan. 7  | 9:30 a.m.+ | Alfred Honas &<br>Wade Dreiling                             |
|              | 11:00 a.m. | People of the Parish  |

### December 31, 2017- Solemnity of Mary (Vigil)

IHM - 5:00pm & 7:00pm (Spanish), No Confessions  
Schoenchen - 7:00pm

### January 1, 2018 - Solemnity of Mary

#### (New Year's Day)

Catharine - 9:00am  
IHM - 9:00am  
St. Nicholas of Myra - 12:10pm



### Food Pantry Announcements

-- 223 Boxes were distributed on the Nov 18, with an additional 10 boxes shared to Catholic Charities and 10 boxes to First Call for Help.  
-- 187 boxes were distributed on the Dec. 2.  
-- Item of the month—Tomato Products 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.  
-- 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! 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 @ 628-8434 or [michauds@ruraltel.net](mailto:michauds@ruraltel.net)

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## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Have a Happy New Year!*



**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 7:00pm. 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 January topics:

**Thursday Jan. 4, 7pm**  
**Knowing the Faith Session 6:**  
**The Paschal Mystery**  
**Thursday Jan. 11, 7pm**  
**Knowing the Faith Session 7:**  
**The Holy Spirit and the Life of Grace**  
**Thursday Jan. 18, 7pm**  
**Knowing the Faith Session 8:**  
**Why Do I Need the Church?**  
**Thursday Jan. 25, 7pm**  
**Knowing the Faith Session 9:**  
**Mary and the Saints**

**Keeping the German Heritage Alive!** New Year's Day Dance on Jan. 1, from 1 to 5pm, at Cowboy Junction, 2649 280th Ave., Hill City. The Wes Windholz Band will play. \$8.00 per person. Sponsored by the Sunflower Polka Club. Open to the public. For more information call 785-819-2246.

**2018 CALENDARS** are available in the gathering space. Please extend a thank you to Hyle and Ann Hugunin, Hays Memorial Chapel and Ron Keithley, Brock's North Hill Chapel; for making these calendars available for the Heartland Parishes of Ellis County.



## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Introduction of Father Reginald (Reggie) A. Urban

Greetings!

I am Father Reggie Urban, a recently retired priest of the Dodge City Diocese. I moved to Hays in July. I had been in Garden City at St. Dominic Parish as pastor for almost 4 years and in Great Bend for 10 years before that and in the Grand Island Diocese of Nebraska for 25 years before that. After being a priest for 40 years I requested retirement due to a stroke that I had in early February. My bishop, John Brungardt, granted my request. I decided to retire in Hays to be closer to my family and relatives, many of whom live in the Hays area. I was born in Hays on the hottest day (July 19<sup>th</sup>) of the hottest year (1950) on record and grew up on a wheat-farm southeast of here between Loretto and Liebenthal. Like many of you, I am a descendant of the Volga Germans who came here from Russia...in my case, to Pfeifer. Hays has the feel of a small town but offers enough opportunities for me to shop, eat out, etc. I also like living on Interstate 70 which makes it easier to visit family and friends in Colorado and Kansas City and places in between, as well as watch the Royals and attend the symphony. It already feels like "home". I am blessed to have found a place near St. Nick's which is the parish to which I now belong and where I will help as much as I can.

It's great to be here!

Grace and Peace, *Father Reggie*

## PRAYER FOR A NEW BISHOP

Heavenly Father, you have blessed our diocese time and again with good and holy bishops who have led us ever closer to you.



Aware of your profound love for us, we ask you to bless us once again. Send us a good and holy man to become our next bishop. Inspire us, the clergy, religious and laity of the diocese to work generously with him so that we might grow together in your love and continue the good work you have begun in us for the sake of all.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

Amen.

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## JR. CYO ANNOUNCEMENTS

Heartland parishes Jr. CYO bowling party is scheduled for Jan. 13, from 7 to 9pm, at Centennial Lanes. All 6-8th graders are welcome to attend. The cost is \$5.00. Bring extra money if you want snacks.

## SALINA DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

**DECEMBER Alert** – Give a gift to support the work of U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking, P. O. Box 25241, Philadelphia, PA 19119 Visit: [sistersagainsttrafficking.org](http://sistersagainsttrafficking.org)

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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& treasure*  
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## THE DAYS AHEAD

- Jan. 2** – Community Assistance Center Garage Sale 12<sup>th</sup> & Oak St. 8 to 11am
- Jan. 4** – RCIA, 6:30pm
- Jan. 6** – Men of Myra, 7:30am
  - Rosary in the St. Nicholas Church, 4:30pm
- Jan. 7** – Rosary in the St. Nicholas Church, 9am
  - Heartland Parishes 1st Eucharistic Retreat, 1:30 to 3pm, at IHM

## 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](http://www.hfehays.org)



**Thomas More Prep-Marian**  
[www.tmp-m.org](http://www.tmp-m.org)

-- **TMP-Marian and Nacel Open Door** are looking for a family who would like to open up their home to an international student from South Korea for second semester starting in January of this year. Eric is 15 and will be attending 8th grade at Thomas More Prep Marian High School starting Jan. 4. Eric enjoys basketball, movies, painting, pets, soccer, and swimming. Eric says he loves to be with younger children and has pets in his home. Eric wishes to attend TMP-Marian to study English and prepare for college in the USA. This will be Eric's first time living in the United States. He has been studying at Seoul Scholars International School in South Korea taking classes in English. He is eager to join us at TMP-Marian and is excited for this opportunity. Potential host families who are interested in this rewarding experience should contact Nacel Open Door Local Representative, Stacey Lang, at [langs@tmpmarian.org](mailto:langs@tmpmarian.org) or 785-259-4345. Host parents receive a monthly stipend to offset costs associated with hosting a student. We invite you to consider being a host family and providing a student with a wonderful host experience. Please call or email today for more information.

-- **Christmas Break** – Dec. 21 - Jan. 3

-- **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)