

# Sunday, January 28, 2018: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## FR. JARETT'S CATHOLIC Q & A

ALWAYS BE READY  
TO GIVE AN ANSWER



1 PETER 3:13-17

### *What does the Catholic Church teach about sportsmanship and our responsibilities as fans, coaches and players?*

Some of you might already be thinking, "This is supposed to be a faith column, not a sports column, Father, why don't you stick to your field." Well, the truth is, that as a Catholic priest, whatever Catholics participate in becomes my field, because whatever we do, should be enlightened by our faith. Let me explain.

To my knowledge, none of the Popes or Vatican congregations has ever written a formal document on the place of sports and sportsmanship in the lives of Catholics. That being said, there have been plenty of Church leaders who have written about the importance of glorifying God in all that we do. For Americans, because sports are something "that we do" often, our faith in God should enlighten this aspect of our lives as well.

Here is what the Catechism says in its single paragraph about sports. "If morality requires respect for the life of the body, it does not make it an absolute value. It rejects a neo-pagan notion that tends to promote the cult of the body, to sacrifice everything for its sake, to idolize physical perfection and success at sports. By its selective preference of the strong over the weak, such a conception can lead to the perversion of human relationships." (CCC 2289) Do you think we "idolize physical perfection and success at sports? Do you think we regularly neglect the weak and glorify the strong? Brothers and sisters, I don't think we do, I know we do. Teenage boys are sacrificing everything to become the successful athlete they think will make themselves and their parents happy, teenage girls are developing eating disorders everyday trying to attain the physical perfection pictured in our airbrushed magazine advertisements. And we now have the medical technology to "snuff out" any human life that might be genetically weak or disabled.

Is all of this a result of sports? No, all of this is a result of human beings not allowing every aspect of our lives to be enlightened by or checked by our faith. In many places, sports have become one of these unchecked areas of Catholic family life.

How many of us have ever thought about or set out our main priorities in life? Sadly, for many of us, we have a different set of priorities depending upon what building we are in; office, home, gymnasium. My own personal definition of sportsmanship is to be able to walk into a gymnasium or a football field with the same list of priorities that I would have when walking into church, or the office, or a hospital. What are these priorities? Well, as Mother Theresa put it, when a Catholic places in order the priorities of **J**esus, **O**thers, then **Y**ourself, it will produce JOY in your life.

First, to place God as first priority is to believe God is your biggest fan or biggest critic when you are on the court or in the field. This was the reason for the popularity of the What Would Jesus Do bracelets. It was a practical way to remind oneself of first priority, how does God influence my actions in sports? Secondly, we must place others above winning. This means that no human being should be hurt physically, emotionally, mentally, as a result of our physical play or our tongue. This includes every possible scenario; fans talking to officials, coaches talking to players, grandparents talking about players or coaches, players competing or trash talking with one another. This also includes school administrations hiring coaches who have these priorities in order and desire to instill them into their players. In every scenario, placing other's well being above "winning" is good sportsmanship. Lastly we should be concerned about ourselves. However, notice that we ourselves still have priority over "winning." (Winning doesn't even make the top three priorities in life.) Anytime we sacrifice our health or our emotional well being for the sake of winning, we mess up the order of priority.

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Is all of this difficult? Of course it is, it's a pain to be the one to accept a bad call, or to keep our mouth shut when it is blatantly obvious what the coach is doing wrong. Does sportsmanship mean we shouldn't try to win? Of course not. I love winning. I'm the most competitive priest I know and thus I know exactly how difficult it is to balance competition with faith, and I definitely do not always succeed. However, because sportsmanship is so difficult, it is also an amazingly powerful form of evangelization. People in our communities know we are Catholic, and if they see us holding our tongue and helping others up and congratulating our opponents, putting these three priorities in order, they are going to be suspicious of what makes us so different. They will witness our joy and desire it for themselves. They will be inspired by our sportsmanship and slowly begin to rearrange the priorities in their own lives placing God at the top.

In Christ's Loving Service  
Your Pastor,

Fr. Jarett (father.konrade@eaglecom.net)

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Tithing: Your Gift to God

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

Collection for the week of Jan. 21	\$ 9,189
Weekly Collection to meet Fiscal Budget:	\$ 15,227
Fiscal Year Budgeted:	\$791,815
Collected Year to Date:	\$462,115

Jan. 28 Rebecca Brady, Mike Morley, &  
Tasha Werth  
Feb. 4 Clint & Marie Froelich, & Nancy Duffy  
Feb. 11 Neil & Sondra Klaus & Tammy Lawson  
Feb. 18 Curt & Donna Dinkel & Laura Hertel

### Readings for Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

#### Monday, January 29

2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13 / Mk 5:1-20

#### Tuesday, January 30

2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3 / Mk 5:21-43

#### Wednesday, January 31 (St. John Bosco)

2 Sm 24:2, 9-17 / Mk 6:1-6

#### Thursday, February 1

1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12 / Mk 6:7-13

#### Friday, February 2 (The Presentation of the Lord)

Mal 3:1-4 / Heb 2:14-18 / Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

#### Saturday, February 3 (St. Blaise & St. Ansgar)

1 Kgs 3:4-13 / Mk 6:30-34

#### Sunday, February 4

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7 / 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23 / Mk 1:29-39

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

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Masses, Intentions & Services

Sat. Jan. 27 5:00 p.m.+ Armella Wittman  
Sun. Jan. 28 9:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of  
Joe L. Kaiser Family  
11:00 a.m. People of the Parish  
Wed. Jan. 31 7:00 a.m.+ Martin J. "Matt" Staab  
Fri. Feb. 2 7:00 a.m.+ Harold Windholz  
Sat. Feb. 3 5:00 p.m. Living & Deceased of  
Jim & Linda Ruda Family  
Sun. Feb. 4 9:30 a.m.+ Jacob C. & Sophia  
Stecklein  
11:00 a.m. People of the Parish



**St. Nicholas of Myra Blood Drive** will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 30, from noon to 6pm, in the Parish Hall. Please contact the Parish Office at 628-1446 or email Ramona at rfweigel@eaglecom.net, to make an appointment.



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

*Kyle Kirmer & Kaci Smith and Family;  
Don & Phyllis Manhart and Family*

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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 February topics:

**Thursday, Feb. 1, 7pm**  
**Knowing the Faith Session 10:**  
**The Last Things**  
**Thursday, Feb. 8, No Meeting**  
**Winter Break**  
**Thursday, Feb. 15, 7pm**  
**Living The Faith Session 1:**  
**The Sacraments**  
**Thursday, Feb. 22, 7pm**  
**Living The Faith Session 2:**  
**The Eucharist**

If you like to sing or can play an instrument and would like to help lead our congregation in the celebration of the Mass you are welcome to become part of the St. Nicholas of Myra Music Ministry Team! Contact Cheryl at [snommusicministry@gmail.com](mailto:snommusicministry@gmail.com) or call 785-650-1589. Thank you for sharing your gifts!

The annual gathering of the Salina Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will be on Sunday, Jan. 28, at St. John Catholic High School in Beloit from 1 to 4pm. Father Mike Scully will be speaking on Evangelization. How can we invite others to be more open to finding Christ in their lives and making a commitment to be more faithful to Jesus in our lives. For questions, call Alice Fox 785-820-1896.

**Best Catholic School Teacher Contest** Have a favorite Catholic school teacher? Submit your vote at [dvmercy.com](http://dvmercy.com). The teacher with the most votes at the end of Catholic Schools Week will be honored with a Day Sponsorship on Divine Mercy Radio and will receive a gift certificate for a one hour massage by Jessica Lang at Herrman Physical Therapy & Wellness in Hays. Only one vote per person please.

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR Feb. 3 & 4

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

<b>EMHC</b>	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Hospitality</b>
Andy Beck	Marie Froelich #1	Scott Braun
Deacon	Jo Good #2	
John Allen		<b>Sacristan</b>
Celina Beilman	<b>Altar Servers</b>	June Allen
Bryan Brady	Lily Garrison	
Alan Hoffman	Gannon Winter	<b>Gift Bearers</b>
Tamra Leiker	Kassidy Winter	Marty Straub

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

<b>EMHC</b>	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Hospitality</b>
Shannon Stauth	Sara Humphrey #1	Shawn Reynolds
Deacon	Diane O'Brien #2	
Paula Flesher		<b>Sacristan</b>
Teresa Heimann	<b>Altar Servers</b>	Rex O'Brien
Bill Meagher	Annie Humphrey	
Ruth Schumacher	Sophie Humphrey	<b>Gift Bearers</b>
Iris Lang+	Claire Humphrey	Joshua Miller

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

<b>EMHC</b>	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Hospitality</b>
Jan Stauth	Patty Stull #1	Deenna Gregg
Deacon	Jorge Vazquez #2	
Jayne Inlow		<b>Sacristan</b>
Melissa Schoepf	<b>Altar Servers</b>	Austin Klaus
Monica Seib	Avin Inlow	
David Wasinger	Colton Viegra	<b>Gift Bearers</b>
Jenny Wittman	Landon Viegra	Don Manhart

*Help is needed for all ministries for Ash Wednesday. Sign-up sheets will be available in the gathering space. Thank you!!*



### St. Mary's Church 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Valentine's Dance is Feb. 10!

The Dance will feature *Jimmy Dee & The Fabulous Destinations*. Doors open at 6:15pm, dinner at 6:45pm, dance to follow until 11:30pm. Advanced tickets ONLY are for sale now at Divine Mercy Radio in Hays or by calling the

Emily at St. Mary's Church at 785-726-4522. Tickets are \$25.00/each, 21 years of age or older to attend the dance. We are also having a Valentine's Day 50/50 Raffle. Tickets for raffle sold separately: (2) for \$5.00 or (6) for \$10.00. We hope you will join us for a fun evening of fun!

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**“Healing After Loss of Suicide”** Healing After Loss of Suicide is an organization offering family members and friends of those who have lost a loved one to suicide a place to connect with others who are dealing with this highly specialized grief recovery process. The group will eat supper at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2018 at Al’s Chickenette, 700 Vine St., Hays. 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)

**Mother Son Date Night 2018** To all Mothers & Sons in our parish, the annual Mother Son Date Night will take place on Saturday, Feb. 3. Registration forms are available to sign up in the parish gathering space, IHM Facebook event page, IHM parish website as well as in the IHM Parish Office. Registration deadline for IHM parish families is Monday, Jan. 22. Non-IHM parish families may contact the IHM parish office Tuesday, Jan. 23, to check on registration availability. A FIRM deadline is Tuesday, Jan. 30. 150 guest limit for the event.

**All moms are invited to join Catholic Motherhood**, a group of Catholic moms representing the Heartland Parishes of Ellis County and beyond who support each other in our vocation as wives and mothers. Upcoming gatherings will be held at 7:30pm, on Feb. 5 and 19. For details and location information, please call Mary at 785-621-2121.

**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.

### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Luther College Nordic Choir** to perform Feb. 3, at 7:30pm, at the Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria. Luther College Nordic Choir,

from Decorah, Iowa one of the top college choirs in the nation, will perform. The performance by the 73-member Nordic Choir is open to the public. No admission will be charged, but a free-will offering will be taken to defray expenses of the tour.

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



### FORMED

Register for Free Catholic Videos, Movie, eBooks, MP3’s [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) – Parish Code: JZ3DPK  
Check out the new FORMED app!



**eGiving with Faith Direct** To enroll securely online go to [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net). Our parish code is **KS870**

### THE DAYS AHEAD

- Jan. 30** – Blood Drive, Parish Hall, noon to 6pm  
– Pastoral Meeting, 6pm
- Feb. 1** – RCIA, 6:30pm
- Feb. 3** – Men of Myra, 7:30am  
-- Rosary in the St. Nicholas Church, 4:30pm
- Feb. 4** – Rosary in the St. Nicholas Church, 9am

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## SALINA DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next weekend, our Diocesan Administrator will be sharing an important message with each of us about the Catholic Community Annual Appeal. This important appeal has an impact on each of us.

**JANUARY Alert** – February 8 - Feast of St. Josephine Bakhita. Bakhita, patroness of kidnapped and trafficked children, was abducted as a child becoming a slave thereby experiencing the meaning of slavery by living it. Pray to St. Bakhita to protect children. U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking. Visit: [sistersagainsttrafficking.org](http://sistersagainsttrafficking.org)

**Attention MEN!** Mark your calendars now! The 2018 Diocesan Men's Conference is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 11, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Hays.



## 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.

## THAT MAN IS YOU ANNOUNCEMENTS

We will be beginning the spring semester of **That Man is You** on Friday Feb. 9. If you didn't join us for the fall semester you are not too late. We would love to see some new guys commit to joining us the spring. We meet at 6 to 6:55am, on Sunday Mornings! We will have signup information in the next few week's bulletins!

## FAITH FORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jan. 31 – Class 6:15-7:15pm, Kennedy

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Class 3— *The Message of the Gospels*** This is going to be an exciting class. We will take you back to the time of the Apostles and help you to understand what you are reading through the eyes of a first century Gentile or Jew. You will meet the Gospel writers and get to understand who they were writing to and what they were teaching the people they were writing to. Learn who the letters were being sent to and what purpose the letters were being sent. You will see the Gospels come alive right before you, as things you have never seen before start to pop out to you as you grow in your understating of the writers and the times of the Early Church.

Dates: Feb. 7, 21, 28, March 7, 14  
(No Class on Feb. 14)

Adult Sign-up Information—Signup forms can be found and printed off on-line

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

## Jr. CYO FORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Jr. CYO Valentine Party** at Via Christi Village on Feb. 10, from 12:45 to 2pm. The address is 2225 Canterbury. We will meet in the front lobby. All 6th, 7th and 8th grade students are welcome to attend.

## CYO FORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jan. 28 – CYO Meeting 6:30pm-7:30pm

--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 signup for our Remind Texts. Download instructions on the CYO webpage

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### CATHOLIC SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Holy Family Elementary

-- Catholic Schools Week 2018  
Jan. 28 thru Feb. 2



-- **Holy Family Elementary is seeking part time help** in the school kitchen. Duties include help for lunch preparation, service, and clean up. Interested individuals should enjoy working with children and in a team, show initiative to help where and when needed, demonstrate flexibility of duties as needs arise, and be dependable. Hours are 10am to 2pm, Monday-Friday, when school is in session. Interested applicants may inquire at the school office Monday-Friday 7:30am-4pm or call Rachel Wentling with questions.

#### **Holy Family Elementary School Annual Chili Supper and Silent Auction Sunday, Jan. 28, 4 to 7pm**

**Holy Family Elementary School, 18<sup>th</sup> and Vine**

MENU: Chili, hot chicken sandwiches on homemade buns, relishes, desserts, coffee and tea. Meal tickets are \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children (ages 4-12). Tickets are available in advance at the school office or at the door.

-- **You can still support HFE** by recycling your aluminum cans in our trailer across the street North of the school/church in the small gravel parking lot, or by sending in boxtops! 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)



-- **Pop Singers Dinner Show:** The TMP-Marian Pop Singers present "The Envelope Please," 2018 Dinner Show. Saturday, Feb. 3, at 6:30pm, and Sunday, Feb. 4, at noon. Dinner will be traditional wedding roast and all the fixings. Dinner will be served in the cafeteria and the performance will take place in the Dreiling Theater. Tickets are \$20. To purchase, contact the TMP-Marian office at (785) 625-6577 or Kathy Amrein at (785) 650-4371.

### CATHOLIC SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**State of Our Catholic Schools Address** The annual State of Our Catholic Schools address will be held on Monday, Feb. 5, 7pm, at Immaculate Heart of Mary. Through the event you will hear from principals Rachel Wentling and Chad Meitner. The financial position will be presented by Joe Koenigsman, Finance Advisory Council Chair, and Troy Ruda, Advancement Director. St. Isidore Catholic Student Center Pastor and TMP-Marian Alumni, Fr. Gale Hammerschmidt will also offer his remarks regarding his upbringing in Catholic schools. While this is a requirement for all families enrolled in Holy Family or TMP-Marian, we encourage everyone from the community to attend. This address provides an overview of the great successes and achievements within our Catholic schools as well as the challenges we are currently facing. As a stakeholder in our Catholic school offering, please plan to attend!

-- **St. Thomas More Society** Did you know that the St. Thomas More Society (STMS) is one of the largest giving arms to the benefit of TMP-Marian and Holy Family Elementary? In its sixth year, it is as vital as ever to fund the operations of the schools to help with salaries, facilities, grounds utilities, and organizational budgets. Each year, the budget is set for STMS based on the operating budget for the schools. In the 2017-2018 fiscal year, the budget for STMS is **\$750,000** of which **\$556,427.49** has been received or is pledged. The generosity to our schools is a blessing! But we are not there yet! As of December 28, 2017 we are **\$193,572.51** short of reaching our goal! Please prayerfully consider contributing to the St. Thomas More Society. Contact Troy in the Advancement office at TMP-Marian for options to support the STMS, (785) 621-5427 or [rudat@tmpmarian.org](mailto:rudat@tmpmarian.org)

