

## Sunday, February 4, 2018: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### FR. JARETT'S CATHOLIC Q & A



***We have been at several parishes throughout the year and some hold hands during the Our Father and some do not. Could explain the Catholic Churches position on this?***

Well, formally the Church does not have a position on this topic. Neither the Vatican, nor the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has come out with a formal statement upon the posture of hands during the Our Father. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal, which is the document that lays out the guidelines for celebration of the Sacred Liturgy (Mass) does not say anything about holding hands or not holding hands. Therefore, you can find a bundle of opinions on both sides of this topic. I did a Google search for “holding hands” and “our father” and came up with 13,600 hits.

Why so many websites, articles, and blogs on the topic? I think it speaks to the reality that as human sensate beings we are naturally interested in issues of physical posture at prayer, as well as the possible distraction caused when there does not seem to be a consistent posture among the faithful. The only person given directions on posture during the Our Father is the priest, who by the rubrics of the Sacramentary is to have hands extended as he pray this prayer with the faithful. This suggests that, at least the priest is not holding hands with anyone during the Our Father.

One thing we can conclude from the lack of formal declaration on this topic is that it is not the place of the liturgist or the parish council or the pastor to require people to either hold hands or to refrain from holding hands during the Our Father. The Archbishop of Denver (and native of the Salina Diocese) Charles Chaput had a good reflection on this topic in an article in the *Denver Catholic Register*, December 18, 2002.

For many persons, folding their hands during the "Our Father" is the best way to express their prayer. For others, they may hold their hands outstretched. Still others hold hands. None of these gestures is mandated or forbidden by the Church. So our guiding principles should be respect for the dignity of the Mass, and respect for the freedom of our fellow worshipers. Some people feel that holding hands during the "Our Father" enhances a sense of community. This is perfectly appropriate — so long as it can be done with dignity and without the unseemly acrobatics that sometimes ensue. For other people, holding hands is a kind of intimacy they reserve for family members. It makes them uncomfortable to hold hands during Mass, and they prefer not to do it. This is also perfectly appropriate. A parish may have several ways of praying the "Our Father," depending on the people who take part in a specific Mass. No one should feel coerced, and the beauty of the liturgy should always be observed.

In Christ's Loving Service  
Your Pastor,

Fr. Jarett (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 Jan. 28	\$ 9,881
Faith Direct Collection for the week of Jan. 23	\$ 5,945
Weekly Collection to meet Fiscal Budget:	\$ 15,227
Fiscal Year Budgeted:	\$791,815
Collected Year to Date:	\$477,941

**The parish tithes for January went to St. Paul's Catholic Mission, First Call for Help, Mary Elizabeth Home, Divine Mercy Radio, and Rachel's Vineyard.**

Feb. 4 Clint & Marie Froelich, & Nancy Duffy  
 Feb. 11 Neil & Sondra Klaus & Tammy Lawson  
 Feb. 18 Curt & Donna Dinkel & Laura Hertel  
 Feb. 25 Mark & Amanda Lang & Lucy Hutchison

### Readings for Fifth Week in Ordinary Time

**Monday, February 5 (St. Agatha)**

1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13 / Mk 6:53-56

**Tuesday, February 6**

**(St. Paul Miki and Companions)**

1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30 / Mk 7:1-13

**Wednesday, February 7**

1 Kgs 10:1-10 / Mk 7:14-23

**Thursday, February 8**

**(St. Jerome Emiliani & St. Josephine Bakhita)**

1 Kgs 11:4-13 / Mk 7:24-30

**Friday, February 9**

1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12-19 / Mk 7:31-37

**Saturday, February 10 (St. Scholastica)**

1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34 / Mk 8:1-10

**Sunday, February 11**

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46 / 1 Cor 10:31-11:1 / Mk 1:40-45

**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!

**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. 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  
 Wed. Feb. 7 7:00 a.m.+ Margie Rohr  
 Fri. Feb. 9 7:00 a.m.+ Barbara Randa  
 Sat. Feb. 10 5:00 p.m.+ Richard Arnhold  
 Sun. Feb. 11 9:30 a.m.+ Pam Rein  
 11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR Feb. 10 & 11

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

<b>EMHC</b>	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Hospitality</b>
Neil Nickelson	Thelma Nickelson #1	Kendall Foss
Deacon	Mary Toepfer #2	
Marcia Dinkel		<b>Sacristan</b>
Stan Mayers	<b>Altar Servers</b>	Tammy Dreiling
Mary Mellick	Abigail Filak	
Mary Selensky	Jared Mayers	<b>Gift Bearers</b>
Zane Swartzman	Jalynn Weilert	Eric Schmidt

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

<b>EMHC</b>	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Hospitality</b>
Joyce Newell	Bernice Kaiser #1	Troy Herrman
Deacon	Marvin Kaiser #2	
Gene Flax		<b>Sacristan</b>
Theresa Flax	<b>Altar Servers</b>	Brad Unrein
Kelton Stecklein	Bradyn Dreher	
Lisa Unrein	Brett Dreher	<b>Gift Bearers</b>
Nolan Allen +	Riley Dreher	Kale Feldt

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

<b>EMHC</b>	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Hospitality</b>
Janet Kohl	Hannah Keil #1	Mike Lind
Deacon	Eileen Anderson #2	
Jayne Clark		<b>Sacristan</b>
Stephanie Hagans	<b>Altar Servers</b>	Sarah Cain
Mary Hickman	Kamryn Summers	
Rose McFarland	Landon Summers	<b>Gift Bearers</b>
Peter Waldschmidt	Stanna Summers	Brian Legleiter

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



**COFFEE & CONVERSATION** – Feb. 11, after the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Hosted by the Family Life Committee. Come join us!

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### 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 February topics:

**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**

**The Daughters of Isabella state conference** will be held on March 17, in Wilson. The cost is \$15 per member which includes lunch. The deadline to submit fees is Feb. 14, and can either be turned in at the February meeting or mailed to Peggy Feltis. The annual membership dues of \$25 are also due by Feb. 10. Both the conference fees and membership dues can be remitted to Peggy Feltis at 2912 Hillcrest, Hays.



### HFE Bucks

Scrip fundraising is a no-selling program that enables families to raise money for Holy Family Elementary School. You purchase gift cards from

Holy Family Elementary at face value, and our committee coordinator orders those cards from Great Lakes Scrip Center at a reduced price. The difference is an instant rebate for your organization. It's really that simple! If you are interested learning how to set up an online account to purchase Scrip, email [hfebucks@gmail.com](mailto:hfebucks@gmail.com) We appreciate our continued supporters and look forward to seeing you at our table the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of each month!

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



### 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!

**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.

### Smoky Hill Chorale Spring 2018 Rehearsals

begin Monday, Feb. 5, 7:30pm. Palmer Recital Hall in Malloy Hall on the FHSU Campus. The Smoky Hill Chorale is a mixed ensemble of post-high school voices, and members come from Ellis, Rooks, Rush, Russell, and Trego counties. The Chorale is open to all experienced singers – no audition is necessary – and there are openings in all sections. A particular need is for male voices. For more information, contact: Dr. Terry Crull at 628-4258; [tacrull@fhsu.edu](mailto:tacrull@fhsu.edu)

### All Women of the Heartland Parishes are invited!

*With Jesus, I'm Free to Be Me* Catholic women's conference on Saturday, Feb. 24, from 8:30am to 3pm, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish. Pre-registration for \$20 by Feb. 1, or \$25 at the door. Download registration form at [www.ihm-church.com](http://www.ihm-church.com) return forms to 1805 Vine St. For more information call 785-625-7339.

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**VFW Stars & Stripes Breakfast** Sunday, Feb.11, from 7:30am to noon, at the VFW Hall. All you can eat buffet. Tickets must be purchased in advance to benefit DREAM INC. to help send children to summer camp. Adults \$8.50; Children 5-12 years \$3.50; 5 and under – free. Contact Jane Younger at 259-3374, Molly Legleiter at 259-3435, Mary Karlin 623-3144, or Sam Polifka 656-4080.

**“NAMI-HAYS” (National Alliance on Mental Illness)** NAMI Hays Affiliate is the point of contact for the public for information, referrals and support. The Center provides the meeting facility and houses the Affiliate’s reference library. Offers support for people with mental illness and their family and friends. The group will gather on Feb. 5, at 6pm, for the Recovery Group and at 6pm, for the Family Support Group. The Education group meets at 7:15pm, at the Center for Life Experience, 2900 Hall St., Hays. For information contact Ann Leiker at 785-259-6859 or email [ccfpc@ruraltel.net](mailto:ccfpc@ruraltel.net)

**“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 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6, at Thirsty’s Pub & Grill, 2704 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)

**“Healing Hearts”** is an organization providing support for immediate family members who are healing from the death of a child in their lives. It is where parents, grandparents and siblings can connect with others who understand the journey toward healing after the loss of a child. The group will meet on Feb. 8, 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)

## THE DAYS AHEAD

**Feb. 10** – Men of Myra, 7:30am  
-- Rosary in the St. Nicholas Church, 4:30pm  
**Feb. 11** – Rosary in the St. Nicholas Church, 9am

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



**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.

**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.

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



## FORMED

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[www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) – Parish Code: JZ3DPK  
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**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.

## SALINA DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

**At Sunday's Mass** we listened to Fr. Frank Coady's message about the Catholic Community Annual Appeal that is kicking off this week. You will soon be receiving a letter from Father Coady, as Diocesan Administrator, inviting you to make a gift to the Catholic Community Annual Appeal. This year's themes are **"We, though many, are one body in Christ"** and **"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another."** Please prayerfully consider supporting the work of the Church throughout our Diocese as you reflect on your many blessings.

**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.



## 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!

## 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.



## FAITH FORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Feb. 7 – 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>

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## 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

--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

## CATHOLIC SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Holy Family Elementary

-- 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 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)



-- **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 annual giving campaigns to the benefit of BOTH 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 **\$573,423.49** has been received or is pledged. The generosity to our schools is a blessing! But we are not there yet! As of January 19, 2018 we are **\$176,576.51** 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)

