

Sunday, March 4, 2018: Third Sunday in Lent

FR. JARETT'S CATHOLIC Q & A

Isn't the Eucharist truly the body & blood of Jesus Christ? Then doesn't that overcome any sickness/germs/bacteria that one might encounter when receiving from the side chalice?

I greatly appreciate the individual who sent me this e-mail question as I know how easy it is as human beings to possibly disagree with a decision made at the parish level, but not say anything to the pastor and then go to family and friends and complain in the parking lot. So, for the e-mail I am truly grateful.

In terms of the comments about germs/bacteria and the Eucharist. Yes, we do believe the consecrated host and the consecrated wine do actually become fully and substantially the body & blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ. However, the physical characteristics that we perceive, which St. Thomas Aquinas coined the "accidents" still continue to look like bread and taste like bread and feel like bread. Therefore, because the accidents (smell, taste, texture, and visual) all remain the same even after the substance of the Eucharist changes, they can indeed be corrupted by human weakness/illness.

Thus, even though the host is the substantial presence of Jesus Christ it most certainly still looks like bread and can still possess bacteria and/or germs just like bread.

Of course, there are some follow-up questions that I've heard through the years...What about the alcohol in the wine, doesn't that kill bacteria? On this, I've read mixed reviews. Some say the percentage of alcohol is not high enough to kill a majority of the bacteria/germs. Even if it is, you also have to consider exchanging through hand contact from chalice recipient to subsequent recipient, or even on the rim that doesn't get enough alcohol to kill all the virus.

Another question might be, Okay, I'll grant that the flu "can" be passed during communion, but how frequently does this really happen? In the end we can't fully know that. However, medicine tells us that on average a human being can carry the flu for 24 hrs before they experience symptoms. Thus, if someone picks it up in the mall on Saturday afternoon and then goes to Saturday evening mass, they can "feel" fine at mass, receive from the chalice, and possibly contaminate it for every subsequent person.

Finally, there's also the mentality that exists out there, shouldn't we just trust in God? If we had "true" belief He wouldn't allow us to get sick. That's a dangerous statement, in the sense that, we can't just be careless about something and then say...trust in God. Imagine the college student saying, "I'm not going to study for this test because I truly trust in God." We obviously have to do our part. If even one person is prevented from getting this especially nasty flu, in some sense we have a responsibility to help that person.

I obviously don't know for sure, but my symptoms came the Monday after a full set of weekend masses, so I'm wondering whether the four masses could possibly have anything to do with it. For me, I gave my life to take that chance, but I don't want to impose that chance on EMHC's, etc.

On a complete side note, I think sometimes when we go without something for a period of time it helps us to have greater gratitude and appreciation for it when the gift is returned to us.

In Christ's Loving Service
Your Pastor,

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



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Tithing: Your Gift to God

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

Collection for the week of Feb. 25	\$ 10,003
Weekly Collection to meet Fiscal Budget:	\$ 15,227
Fiscal Year Budgeted:	\$791,815
Collected Year to Date:	\$531,085

The parish tithes for February went to St. Paul's Catholic Mission, First Call for Help, Hispanic Ministry, and Habitat for Humanity of Ellis County.

March 4	Brad & Lisa Unrein & Danny Dinkel
March 11	Bill & Tiffany Weber & Jennifer Brown
March 18	Tim & Tina Zimmerman & Tammy Dreiling
March 25	Scott & Terri Braun & Lisa Hess

Readings for Lenten Weekdays

Monday, March 5

2 Kgs 5:1-15b / Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday, March 6

Dn 3:25, 34-43 / Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday, March 7 (SS Perpetua and Felicity)

Dt 4:1, 5-9 / Mt 5:17-19

Thursday, March 8 (St. John of God)

Jer 7:23-28 / Lk 11:14-23

Friday, March 9 (St. Frances of Rome)

Hos 14:2-10 / Mk 12:28-34

Saturday, March 10

Hos 6:1-6 / Lk 18:9-14

Sunday, March 11

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23 / Eph 2:4-10 / Jn 3:14-21

Musicians are needed for our Holy Thursday, Holy Saturday and Easter Masses. Contact Cheryl at snommusicdirector@gmail.com or call 785-650-1589.



Adoration Chapel needs someone to cover the hour of 9 to 10pm, on Thursdays. If interested please contact Bob Feauto at 628-1429.



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Masses, Intentions & Services

Sat. March	3 5:00 p.m.+	Wendelin 'Buddy', Alvera, Robert Dinges & Emily Gross
Sun. March	4 9:30 a.m.+	James Jacobs
	11:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
Wed. March	7 7:00 a.m.+	Marvin & Mary Frances Klaus
Fri. March	9 7:00 a.m.+	Keith Fieler
Sat. March	10 5:00 p.m.	People of the Parish
Sun. March	11 9:30 a.m.	Living & Deceased of Julie Koerner Family
	11:00 a.m.+	Harold & Daryl Haselhorst

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR March 10 & 11

Saturday, 5:00 P.M. Mass

EMHC	Lectors	Hospitality
Bryan Brady	Bernice Kaiser #1	Michael Dick
Deacon	Marvin Kaiser #2	
John Allen		Sacristan
Lisa Colwell	Altar Servers	June Allen
Keith Dreiling	Jake Brady	
Tammy Dreiling	Lily Garrison	Gift Bearers
Mary Toepfer	Caden Riat	Jared Bauck

Sunday, 9:30 A.M. Mass

EMHC	Lectors	Hospitality
Gene Flax	Bill Heimann #1	Bernie Werth
Deacon	Tim Zimmerman #2	
Gerilyn Allen		Sacristan
Theresa Flax	Altar Servers	Bill Weber
Teresa Heimann	Braxton Fritzier	
Ruth Schumacher	Jeffrey Heimann	Gift Bearers
Nolan Allen +	Sheldon Weber	Doug Bruggeman

Sunday, 11:00 A.M. Mass

EMHC	Lectors	Hospitality
Monica Seib	Eileen Anderson #1	Deenna Gregg
Deacon	Hannah Keil #2	
Mary Hickman		Sacristan
Jayne Inlow	Altar Servers	Keith Schmidt
Rose McFarland	Bryce Hickman	
Melissa Schoepf	Damian Schmidt	Gift Bearers
Bob Wasinger	Harlie Schmidt	Les Brown

Help is needed for all ministries for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter. Sign-up sheets will be available in the gathering space. Thank you!!

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St. Nicholas of Myra will be having an updated Pictorial Directory published this year as many new families have joined our parish. Photography sessions will take place

April 9-13 and 17-21. You may sign up for an appointment time at <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/y9ls56xx/> or after masses in the upcoming weeks. For questions, contact Kerry Schuckman, kschuckm@fhsu.edu or 785-365-9493.

SHADOW STATIONS will be prayed on Friday evening, March 9, 7pm.



2018 Heartland Parish Mission will be held on March 4, 5 and 6, at St. Nicholas Church, at 7pm. Speaker will be Fr. Gale Hammerschmidt.



EASTER FLOWERS: The Art and Environment committee of the parish invites you to make donations for Easter Flowers. Donations may be made to the parish

and put into the collection basket, left at the parish office or mailed. Please note EASTER FLOWERS on envelope. Thank you for helping create the beautiful worship space within St. Nicholas Church.

THE DIOCESAN CHRISM MASS will be celebrated on Thursday, March 22, at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Salina beginning at 11:30am.



Lenten Material is available on a table in the gathering space. Please check it out!

Disposal of Old Palms

We will not burn palms at St. Nicholas this year. They can be disposed of by burying them in your yard or farmland.



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Because of the continuation of a very serious cold & flu season, St. Nick's & St. Francis of Assisi (Munjor) will suspend the use of side chalices during all masses until the celebration of Holy

Thursday (Commemoration of the Last Supper of the Lord). Questions & concerns please call or e-mail Fr. Jarett at father.konrade@eaglecom.net or 785-628-1446.

St. Nicholas Ladies Guild Bingo and Raffle

will be on March 18, starting at 1pm, in the parish hall. There will be many fun bingo prizes. Some prizes include a kindle fire and an echo show.



As always donations of bingo prizes are much appreciated. Hope to see you there!



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 March topics:

Thursday, March 8, 7pm
Living The Faith Session 4:
Penance & Anointing of the Sick

Thursday, March 15, 7pm
Living The Faith Session 5:
Matrimony & Holy Orders

Thursday, March 22, 7pm
Living The Faith Session 6:
A Catholic Moral Vision

Thursday, March 29,
No Meeting – Holy Thursday

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Next week, our parish will take up **The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC)**. Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here at home and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the CRSC, and **help Jesus in disguise**. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

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

Courtney King;

Theresa Koehler;

Kwadwo Ofori-Mesah & Mabel Akyaamah

Lance Smith & Family

Divine Mercy Radio wants your favorite recipes to be included in the 88.1 Cookbook due out in the Fall of 2018. These don't need to be original recipes; "borrowed" recipes are just fine. Feel free to also include a personal note about the history of the recipe, your favorite bible quote, or favorite saint. Please email your favorites to leslie@dvmercy.com or mail to the studio: 108 E. 12th St., Suite 1. Thank you for participating in this fun project!

Food Pantry Announcements

-- 158 Boxes were distributed on the Feb. 17, Pantry Date, with an additional 10 boxes shared to Catholic Charities.

-- March Food Pantry Date is on the 17.

-- Item of the month—Fruits and Proteins... 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: 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

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The St. Mary's Knights of Columbus Council 6984 and the IHM Catholic Youth Organization will be sponsoring a Fish Fry on Friday, March 9. They will be serving from 4:30 to 7pm, in the HFE Little Theater. The meal menu will include fish, fried noodles and beans, coleslaw, dinner roll & drinks. A free will donation is greatly appreciated at the fish fry.



Munjor K of C 11492 will be hosting their annual Fish Fry on Friday, March 23, from 5 to 7pm, in the Parish Hall. Menu: Fish, Homemade Fried Noodles, Beans and Greble. **FREE WILL** donations accepted with proceeds going to Diocesan Vocations. Homemade noodles will be available for purchase. There will also be Stations of the Cross and Benediction at 7pm. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

Our Lady Help of Christians Spring Bake Sale Pre-Order before March 21. Pick up March 24, from 3 to 5:30pm, in the church basement, Antonino. (South of HWY 183 from Hays and then 3 miles West on Antonino Rd.) Items for Sale: Kuchen: Cherry, Gabel (pineapple, cherry, peach); \$12.00 each; Cinnamon Rolls: ½ dz \$8.00; 1dz \$15.00. Contact Kay Wasinger to pre-order at 785-625-5494 or cmofantonino@gmail.com or contact any OLHC Christians Mother.



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 We appreciate our continued supporters and look forward to seeing you at our table the 2nd weekend of each month!

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If you're a Catholic mom, you're invited to take a spring "break" with us by joining Catholic Motherhood! We're a group of women from area parishes who gather twice monthly - breaks in our normal weekly routines! - for evenings of fellowship and support for each other in our vocations as mothers. We'll kick off the spring by meeting March 12 and March 26, at 7:30pm. These casual gatherings are come-and-go. Meeting locations and additional details can be obtained by calling Mary Schroeder at 785-621-2121.

"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 March 5, 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

"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, March 6, at I-HOP, 4000 Gen Hays Rd., 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

"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 March 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



DAYLIGHT-SAVING TIME BEGINS
Turn clocks forward 1 hour next weekend.

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



FORMED

Register for Free Catholic Videos, Movie, eBooks, MP3's
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. Our parish code is **KS870**

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.



THE DAYS AHEAD

- March 7** – Faith Formation Classes 6:15-7:15pm, Kennedy
- March 8** – RCIA, 6:30pm
- March 9** – Shadow Stations, 7pm
- March 10** – Men of Myra, 7:30am
-- Rosary in the St. Nicholas Church 4:30pm
- March 11** – Rosary in the St. Nicholas Church, 9am

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SALINA DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

At the weekend Mass, you heard more about the **Catholic Community Annual Appeal** and had the chance to make your annual commitment. Thank you! Your gift allows the diocese to continue to offer many ministries and programs across our diocese, including in our own parish. We have all received from the generosity of God and these opportunities to give back make us who we are: the body of Christ joined together as one.

The Diocese of Salina will be having a Memorial Mass for mothers who have lost a child at any age, either before or after birth on Friday, May 11, at 10:30am, at Seven Dolors in Manhattan, KS. If you would like to participate in this Mass, please notify your parish office by March 26, and you will receive a personal invitation. Please submit your name, address, the name of the child, along with their birthday and year of death by March 26. If you would like to submit 1 or 2 photos of your child please scan and email them to wendy.backes@salinadiocese.org (please include their name, birthday and year of death). If you have any questions, please contact the Family Life Office at 785-827-8746.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy Family Elementary

-- **Holy Family Elementary** is conducting pre-enrollment at this time. Please contact the school if you are interested in enrolling your son or daughter is one of the following open grades for the 2018-2019 school year.

1st grade	2nd grade
4th grade	6th grade

-- **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

CATHOLIC SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS



-- **St. Thomas More Society Budgeted Goal: 750,000.00 Amount Received as of 2/22: 589,078.17 Amount to Raise by 6/31: 160,921.83** 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. 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

-- **Auction for Christian Education (ACE):** ACE 2018 is April 28, in the Al Billinger Fieldhouse at TMP-Marian and preparations are well underway! Tickets are selling fast and you can still be a part of this important night for our Catholic Schools. Consider being a Penny Donor or contributing to ACE Item #60. Contact the Alumni Office, (785) 625-9434, for more information or visit <https://tmp-m.org/ace/>

-- **Monarch 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament.** Please join us for the Monarch 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament and Hotshot Contest on Saturday, March 17. The tournament will be held at Thomas More Prep-Marian, Holy Family Elementary and the former Kennedy Middle School. The tournament is limited to grades 3rd through 8th. The deadline for entry is Tuesday, March 13 and the fee is \$10.00 per player. Admission to the tournament (players excluded) is \$2.00 per person. Children 5 and under are free. Concessions will be available. Register online at www.tmp-m.org. For more information contact Rose McFarland at (785) 625-6577 or mcfarlandr@tmpmarian.org.

-- **Blood Drive** The Key Club at TMP-Marian will be hosting a blood drive for the American Red Cross on Wednesday, March 7, from 9am to 2pm. Please sign up by Tuesday, March 6 and you must be 16 to donate. Contact the office at (785) 625-6577 to sign up or walk-ins are welcome.

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St Nicholas 8th grade confirmation class presents
Shadow Stations



When: Friday March 9th, 2018

Time: 7:00pm

Place: Saint Nicholas of Myra Church (worship area)

Sponsored by the Saint Nicholas Evangelization Commission

If you are in the 8th grade and a member of St. Nicholas of Myra, you are welcome to participate. Please contact Tammy Dreiling or Teresa Heimann at the below phone numbers to sign up. Practice will be 5:00-6:30pm Sunday March 4th in the Saint Nicholas church worship area.

Evening of the event, 8th grade participants should arrive by 6:45pm and check in with Janie Klein, coordinator for the event.

Questions? Contact Tammy Dreiling 785-259-2991 or Teresa Heimann at 785-639-3008

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St. Nicholas Ladies Guild Raffle
2901 East 13th, Hays, KS 67601

**** March 18, 2018 ****

1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

1 Kindle Fire 7 Tablet	7 1- \$25 Wal-mart gift certificate
2 Echo Show	8 Wooden Cross Picture Frame donated by Jim B Brockelman
3 Kids Prize - Multi Piece Art Set	9 1 hour masage from H20
4 5 Piece Luggage Set	10 4- \$50 Cash Prizes donated by the K of C
5 Beijo Purse	
6 Recliner donated by Wolf's Furniture Gallery	

Suggested Donation: 13 for \$10.00 / 6 for \$5.00 / \$1.00 each ***PLEASE INDICATE WHICH PRIZE BOX YOU WANT EACH INDIVIDUAL TICKET PLACED IN***	Name _____ Prize Number _____ Phone Number _____
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