

Saint Nicholas of Myra

St. Nicholas of Myra Catholic Church

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Office Hours:
Monday-Thursday 8:00 A.M. to Noon
1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.
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Schedule of Masses

Saturday: 5:00 P.M.
Sunday: 9:30 and 11:00 A.M.
Daily: M, T, Th, F - 7:00 A.M.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Before all weekend Masses, or any time by request

Baptisms

By appointment after completion of required pre-Baptism instructions.

Marriage

Personally contact the pastor at least six months before intended date of marriage.

Sick Calls/Anointing

Arranged any time by calling the Parish Office. Communion visits are made every Wednesday and Sunday morning.

New Parishioners

WELCOME!! Please go to our website: www.stn-church.com, call or stop by the office to register. We are happy to have you!!

Deadline for bulletin items is Tuesday noon.

Mission Statement

We the people of St. Nicholas of Myra Parish, Hays, KS, are a Catholic christian family that embodies Christ's presence by virtue of our baptismal call. We do this by living and celebrating God's word and sacraments, by supporting each other to grow in our relationship with God, and by welcoming all.

*St. Nicholas of Myra is a Stewardship Parish
"The promotion of the practice of stewardship is important for the mission of the Church and the spiritual well being of each individual Christian. Everyone benefits from the sacrificial gift one makes of his time, talent, and treasure."
Pope Benedict XVI*

Sunday, January 11, 2026: The Baptism of the Lord

FROM THE DESK OF FR. DAMIAN

Fr. Damian's Work Schedule December 2025

Weekly Schedule:

Monday: 7:00am Mass

Tuesday: 7:00 am Mass

Wednesday: 7:30 am Mass in Munjor; 1:30 pm Mass at Homestead

Thursday: 7:00 am Mass

Friday: 7:00 am Mass

Saturday: 4:00 Confessions; 5:00 Mass

Sunday: 7:30 am Munjor Confessions; 8:00 am Munjor Mass; 9:00 am Confessions; 9:30 am Mass; 10:30 am Confessions; 11:00 am Mass

Confessions: 240 (went 12/3, 10, 17, 21, 29)

Anointing of the Sick: 95

Holy Hours: 29

Days Fast/Abstain: 9

Viaticum/Prayers for the Dead/Apostolic Pardon: 9

Visits: 29

Baptisms 2

Marriage: 1

Five-for-Seven on Sacraments: Mass, Confession, Anointing, Baptism, Marriage

12/1 KC Meeting

12/2 Hospital Visits

12/2 Divine Mercy Radio Interview

12/2 Praise & Adoration

12/3 Hospital Visits

12/3 Confessions in Stockton

12/4 Hospital Visits

12/5 Hospital Visits

12/5 Gave Blood

12/8 DSNWK Center Stage Christmas Show

12/7 Christmas Concert at St. Joseph's

12/9 Mass at Holy Family

12/9 Hospital Visits

12/9 Praise & Adoration

12/10 Hospital Visits

12/10 & 11: Vigil & Funeral for Larry Leiker

12/11 Stewardship Committee Meeting

12/13 Blessed Mark & Carla Leiker's marriage

12/14 Baptized Adalyn Brungardt

12/15 Blessed a home

12/15 Ladies' Guild Christmas Party

12/16 Hospital Visits

12/16 Praise & Adoration

12/17 Hospital Visits

12/17 School Board meeting

12/18 Great Books Discussion on "The Clouds"

12/21 Decorated Church

12/23 Hospital Visits

12/24 Hospital Visits

12/24 Mass at St. Nick's, Munjor

12/25 Mass at St. Nicks, Hays Med

12/25 Hospital Visits

12/27 Hospital Visit

12/28 Hospital Visit

12/28 Baptized Lane Gottschalk

12/29 Seminarian Dinner

12/30 Hospital Visits

12/30 Parish Council Pot Luck

12/31 Hospital Visits

Read "Letters to Mary"

Saw "Down Home Country Christmas"

Read "From a Certain Point of View"

Read "A Christmas Carol"

Listened to "Girl of the Golden West"

Read "Unlikeable Female Character"

Read "Dilexi Te"

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tithing: Your Gift to God	
Fiscal Year: July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026	
Collection for the week of Jan. 4	\$ 13,809
ParishSOFT Collection for the week of Jan. 4	\$ 3,115
Fiscal Year Budgeted:	\$814,921
Collected Year to Date:	\$491,042
Jan. 18 Mark & Amanda Lang & Carrie Legleiter	
Jan. 25 Brad & Lisa Unrein & Danny Dinkel	
Feb. 1 Bill & Tiffany Weber & Jennifer Brown	
Feb. 8 Tim & Tina Zimmerman & Mike Morley	

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR Jan. 17 & 18

Saturday, 5:00 P.M.		
EMHC	Lectors	
	Pat Lang #1	
Lynette Pfannenstiel	Pat Lang #2	
Emily Reif		
Michael Reif		
Patty Rohr		
Altar Servers	Hospitality	
Kennedy Normandin	Kale Feldt	
Sacristan	Gift Bearers	
Kyle Normandin	Adam Amhold	
Cantor/s		Accompanist
Jeanne Geist & Sandra Meyers		Andrew Taylor
Sunday, 9:30 A.M. Mass		
EMHC	Lectors	
Deacon	Tim Zimmerman #1	
Dustin Dreher	Jamie Dreher #2	
Connie Grant		
Teresa Heimann		
Pam Munsch		
Kelly Brungardt +		
Rick Rajewski +		
Altar Servers	Hospitality	
Garrett Baalman	Bernie Werth	
Logan Baalman		
Jace Dreher		
Coen Numrich		
Sacristan	Gift Bearers	
Cory Munsch	Rex O'Brien	
Cantor/s & Accompanist		
Contemporary Group		
Sunday, 11:00 A.M. Mass		
EMHC	Lectors	
Kristy Oborny	Mark Cain #1	
Janel Kohl	Mark Cain #2	
Leon Legleiter		
Laura Monroe		
Luke Oborny		
Altar Servers	Hospitality	
Addilyn Legleiter	Carol Rome	
Kelton Legleiter		
Rafe Richmeier		
Nora Stoecklein		
Sacristan	Gift Bearers	
Sarah Cain	Nick Goebel	
Cantor/s	Accompanist	
Geralyn Allen, Kim & Jack Stoecklein	Stephanie Demuth-Mark	

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Masses, Intentions & Services		
Sat.	Jan. 10 5:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sun.	Jan. 11 9:30 am	L & D of Frank & Gertrude Rziha Family
		11:00 am + Roselin Pfeifer
Mon.	Jan. 12 7:00 am	+ Henry "Hank" Geist
Tues.	Jan. 13 7:00 am	L & D of Alan & Kay Hoffman Family
Wed.	Jan. 14 1:30 pm	L & D of Leo & Dorothy Schmidt Family (at Homestead Assisted Living)
Thurs.	Jan. 15 7:00 am	+ Darryl Apel
Fri.	Jan. 16 7:00 am	L & D of Buddy & Vera Dinges Family
Sat.	Jan. 17 5:00 pm	+ Jean M. Walter & Paula Rigby
Sun.	Jan. 18 9:30 am	+ Reid O'Brien
		11:00 am People of the Parish

AT ST. NICHOLAS

- Jan. 11 – Take Down Decorations, 2pm, Church
- Jan. 12 – K of C Meeting, 7pm, Parish Hall
- Jan. 13 – Family Life Meeting, 6pm, Parish Hall
– Sunday Scriptures Preparation with Fr. Reggie, 6:30 to 8pm, St. Nicholas Room
- Jan. 14 – Mass, 1:30pm, Homestead Assisted Living
– Faith Formation Classes, 8:15pm, at Kennedy
– Women of the Word, 6:30pm, St. Nick's Room
– CYO Meeting, 7:30pm, CYO Room (IHM)
- Jan. 15 – Rosary, 10:05am, HaysMed Chapel
– Finance Council Meeting, Noon, St. Nick's Room
– OCIA Meeting, 6:30pm, St. Nick's Room
- Jan. 17 – MAP (Men at Prayer), 7:30am
– K of C Stag, 6pm, Parish Hall
- Jan. 18 – Polka Dance, 1 to 3pm, Parish Hall
– SDCCW Meeting, 1 to 4pm, St. Nick's Room

COMMUNITY BELLS/PRAYER TIME: Churches of every denomination in Ellis County will join hearts in prayer EVERY WEDNESDAY at noon. Churches will ring bells and the Ministerial Alliance asks that we join in a moment of silent prayer for ourselves, our community, and all in need.

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Help is needed: All ages welcome! Christmas decorations will be taken down on Sunday, Jan.11, at 2pm, as we return to the celebration of Ordinary Time on our church calendar. Your help would be appreciated as we end the Christmas season.



St. Nicholas Knights of Columbus is again sponsoring the Annual Pro-Life Baby Shower. A playpen will be available in the gathering space of church during the month of

January to collect baby and young mother items. These will be presented to the Catholic Charities of Hays in early February. Contact any K of C Member. Many thanks for your generosity!

ATTENTION ALL LADIES!! Ladies Guild will be meeting on Monday, Jan. 19, beginning with a Rosary in the Church at 8:45pm and the meeting starting in the Parish Hall at 7pm. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call Eloise Long at 785-639-1109 or Sarah Wasinger at 785-850-2198. We hope to see you there!

St. Nicholas of Myra Ladies Guild Bingo and Raffle will be held on Sunday, March 1. The Ladies Guild is now accepting Raffle Prizes until Feb. 1. Please contact Clare Gustin at 785-635-3511 or Angie Feldt at 785-587-7185. The St. Nicholas of Myra Ladies Guild supports numerous projects for our parish and community.

The Daughters of Isabella, Circle #254, will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 13, at the IHM Parish Hall at 6pm. Members are asked to bring a prospective member to this meeting.

The Daughters of Isabella have scholarships available. Any member who has a female relative who wants to apply for this scholarship, please contact Peggy Feltis, 785-828-1338. This application must be completed prior to January 28, 2026.

Please note that the Heritage Eatery and Bingo will be moving to 2450 East 8th St., (the previous Senior Center). The Daughters of Isabella sponsor this, Bingo. It is held the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Fridays of each month. Come out for a night of fun. Easy parking.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Readings for First Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, January 12

1 Sm 1:1-8 / Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday, January 13 (St. Hilary)

1 Sm 1:9-20 / Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday, 14

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20 / Mk 1:29-39

Thursday, January 15

1 Sm 4:1-11 / Mk 1:40-45

Friday, January 16

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a / Mk 2:1-12

Saturday, January 17 (St. Anthony)

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10-1a / Mk 2:13-17

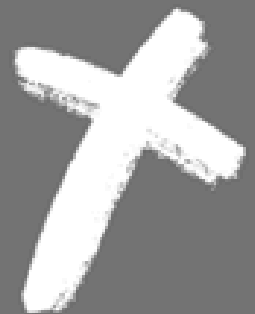
Sunday, January 18

(Second Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Is 49:3, 5-6 / 1 Cor 1:1-3 / Jn 1:29-34

Get to know

Rachel Robben



Some books I'm currently enjoying are: The Catholic All Year Compendium by Kendra Tierney, Whistlestop: Stories from Presidential Campaign History by John Dickerson and the 1987 and 2012 Salina Diocese history books.

2. A few Saints special to my family are St. Aloysius Gonzaga, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Therese of Lisieux and (hopefully soon-to-be-a-Saint!) Venerable Emil Kapaun of Kansas.

3. We had recently moved back to Hays and wanted a church in town. St. Nick's parishioners were very welcoming to us and the parish size was the right fit.

Perpetual Adoration Chapel openings:

Sunday @ 1:00 AM OPEN

Sunday @ 6:00 AM OPEN

Contact Geri Rupp 785-639-5588

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Deacon Steve will be doing training sessions for new ministers on Saturday, Jan. 31, in the Church at St. Nicholas. The first session will be from 9am to 10am and will be for those who want to be a Lector at St. Nick's. The next session will be from 10am to 11am and will be for those who want to be a Eucharistic Minister or take Communion to the homebound on Sundays. The final session from 11am to noon will be for those who wish to be Sacristans. If you are attending any session, you must let Deacon Steve know by texting him at 785.650.2931 by Monday, Jan. 26. For more information text Deacon Steve at 785.650.2931.

Thank you to Pam and Cory Munsch, the Russell Robben family, Marie Froelich, Dar Hickert, Gerslyn and Nolan Allen for delivering Meals on Wheels on behalf of St. Nicholas Church the week of Jan 5-9. We truly appreciate it!

Pastoral Ministry Formation: The Catholic Diocese of Dodge City is offering a number of classes for the Pastoral Ministry Formation for the Spring 2026. For more information, brochures are in the gathering space.

ICON PROGRAM - Please join the Secular Franciscans for a presentation about ICONS on Jan. 18, at 1:30 to 2:30pm in the Kennedy cafeteria presented by Erica Werth Bittel. Erica holds a Ph. D in art history and humanities Erica currently teaches undergraduate and graduate-level courses at FHSU since 2013. Presentation topics: history of icons, interest today, how to interpret and understand icons, and their symbolism. The program is free of charge.

Manna House of Prayer invites you to a Winter Interlude, on Saturday, Jan, 17, from 9am to 4pm, at Manna House, 323 East 5th St., Concordia, KS. Host: S. Marcia Allen. Join us for a cozy winter day – a day of community and solitude, silence, and conversation. Bring your favorite poem or song. We'll read poetry or write it! We'll listen to music, sing it, or write it! Come for a moment of meaning in Wintertime. Cost: \$50 (includes lunch). Contact Manna House at (785) 243-4428 or retreatcenter@mannahouse.org. To register online: www.mannahouse.org. Registration deadline: Jan. 14.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Immaculate Heart of Mary Monthly Breakfast

When: Sunday, January 18, 2026

Time: 8:30 AM till 11:30 AM

Where: IHMParish Hall

Free Will Offering

All invited for food and fellowship!

Proceeds go to Immaculate Heart of Mary

Here are some options to continue your financial support to St. Nicholas of Myra.

<https://givecfds.org/give/parish/> choose St. Nicholas of Myra – Hays, complete the form and click "Donate." For Faith Direct <https://stn-church.com/> or www.faithdirect.net (codeKS870) For those using tithing envelopes or donation, you can drop by or mail to 2901 E. 13th St. Thank you!

Please check out our website at

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St. Nicholas Food Pantry donations are always welcome. Bring non-perishable food items to the church anytime. Monetary gifts are always welcome.

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Dear Friends,

Merry Christmas! Wanted to say a special thank you for all the many ways you continue to bless the faith community at St. Paul's. I was there recently and the people talked about you and how grateful they are for your care. We also share the pictures of Sr. Maureen's Memorial.

*God Bless You!
Sr. Barb Smith*

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

Today marks the close of the Christmas season, but before we return to Ordinary Time, we have one more great feast to celebrate — The Baptism of the Lord. Today's feast is a perfect opportunity to consider the privileges and responsibilities we all share as Christian stewards by virtue of our own Baptism.

At the moment of our Baptism, we became adopted sons and daughters of God, members of his holy, Catholic Church. Though we may not have realized it, the moment of our Baptism is also the moment we become Christian stewards, disciples of Jesus Christ, tasked with the work of following in His footsteps day by day and sharing the Gospel message with all those around us.

In our second reading from the Acts of the Apostles, St. Peter gives us a glimpse of the person of Jesus we should imitate. "He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him." We must live our lives like Jesus, seeking to do good to everyone we encounter; not just those in our inner circle of family and friends, but everyone in our community since the Father loves us all and Jesus sought out everyone with His saving message.

In the Gospel passage from Matthew, we see yet another aspect of Jesus in action, this time as he humbly stands before John to be baptized by him. What humility and what willingness to unite Himself to us our Lord demonstrates by this act. We can do no less as we live out our daily lives as his disciples. And when we do strive with all our might to live out our Baptismal call to Christian stewardship, we will experience the deep honor of knowing that we, too, are God's "beloved" sons and daughters "with whom He is well-pleased."

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CATHOLIC SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jan 12 – Pre-enrollment letters go home to current families.

Jan 15 – Vision Screenings for Grades KP-2



HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY CHILI SUPPER & BAZAAR

URDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
24	January 25 11:00 - 1:00 P.M.	26



Chili
Book Fair
Bingo
Carnival Games
Cake Walk
Silent Auction
Raffles
Feed the Pig



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Jan. 16 – HS/JH Vision Screening in the Learning Commons, 8 to 10am

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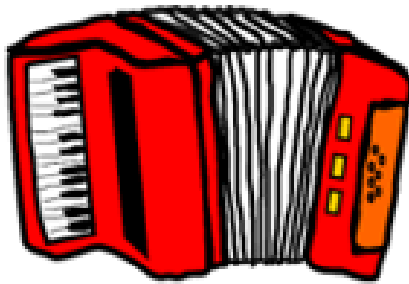
Dinner & Dessert Show

Dinner Show Sat. January 31 Dinner at 6pm Show at 7pm	Dessert Show Sun. February 1 Dessert at 1pm Show at 2pm
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Scan for Tickets!

The Drilling Theater
1701 Hall St.

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Polka and Popcorn

Who: Wes Windholz

When: Sunday January 18th

Time: 1-3pm

**Where: St Nicholas of Myra
Parish Hall**

No charge.

**Snacks and drinks
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