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FR. JARETT'S CATHOLIC Q & A

Do we as Catholics still believe in the presence of demons and the idea of demonic possession? If so, why do we not see or hear stories of that sort of thing anymore?

The teaching of the Catholic Church on the spiritual reality of angels and demons is not something that goes away or is changed according to popular belief, or lack thereof. The basis for our belief in this regard is deeply rooted in scripture. Throughout the Bible we see angels, who play the role of God's messengers and human protectors and, of course, demons are simply "fallen angels." "The devil and the other demons were indeed created naturally good by God, but they became evil by their own doing." (CCC #391)

"The power of Satan is, nonetheless, not infinite...Although Satan may act in the world out of hatred for God and his kingdom in Christ Jesus, and although his action may cause grave injuries of a spiritual nature and, indirectly, even of a physical nature to each man and to society, the action is permitted by divine providence...It is a great mystery that providence should permit diabolical activity, but 'we know that in everything God works for good with those who love him.'" (CCC #395)

Another scripturally rooted phenomenon is the "possession" of a human being by demonic forces. Yes, we believe this can and does still happen. However, the devil does not just randomly select someone, but the individual who experiences possession, usually invites it through meddling in the demonic or by searching in realms outside of Christianity, therefore opening themselves up to "possession." "When the Church asks authoritatively in the name of Jesus Christ that a person or object be protected against the power of the Evil One and withdrawn from his dominion, it is called exorcism...In a simple form, exorcism is performed at the celebration of Baptism...Exorcism is directed at the expulsion of demons or to the liberation from demonic possession through the spiritual authority which Jesus entrusted to His Church." (CCC #1673)

Why do we not see or hear stories of possessions or exorcisms? Traditionally, the priest who acts in the role of exorcist for a diocese is not made public knowledge. This is to protect his own anonymity as well as that of the individuals or families involved in an exorcism. Therefore, when an exorcism occurs, its not something that the priest takes to the papers and says, "Look what I did!"

Why do they seem less frequent than in the early Church? There are no official Church statements on this topic; therefore, my answer to this question is personal speculation.

Demonic possession is typically a violent attempt by the devil and his demons to make a last ditch effort to grasp on to something or someone in an attempt to regain control. Therefore, it would seem, it usually happens when the diabolical is in a desperate situation of losing control generally as a result of the spread of great faith. The early Christian Church is a perfect example. Pure, resilient, intense faith was spreading at an incredible rate through the world by way of the Apostles and disciples of Jesus Christ, and it was logical that the devil would struggle to lash out to regain control. Why not today? Does the devil really have the same need to regain control? Or is he cruising in comfortable control of our Western Culture? Today we are experiencing a deep crisis of faith and in my opinion there is no need for the devil to lash out, he already has a steady grasp on things. When great faith arises and spreads we can expect that the devil will not be happy and will lash out as a result.

Such things should not scare us, or keep us from acting upon our faith, but rather they should deepen our resolve that the battle is already won, and we have a role as Christian disciples to rescue those who are under the hand of the demonic, through prayer, acts of sacrifice and living as faithful and joyful followers of Jesus Christ.

Have questions, clarifications, or concerns. Email them to Fr. Jarett at father.konrade@eaglecom.net

ALWAYS BE READY
TO GIVE AN ANSWER



1 PETER 3:13-17

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Tithing: Your Gift to God

Fiscal Year: July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017

Collection for the week of Sept. 24	\$ 14,330
Weekly Collection to meet Fiscal Budget:	\$ 15,227
Fiscal Year Budgeted:	\$791,815
Collected Year to Date:	\$182,102

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

MONEY COUNTERS

Oct. 1	Neil & Sondra Klaus
Oct. 8	Mark & Amanda Lang
Oct. 15	Danny Dinkel & Jennifer Brown
Oct. 22	Tammy Dreiling & Lisa Hess

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<http://stn-church.com/>.



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*time, talent
& treasure*
How can I give?

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Readings for Twenty-Sixth Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, October 2 (The Holy Guardian Angels)

Zec 8:1-8 / Mt 18:1-5, 10

Tuesday, October 3

Zec 8:20-23 / Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday, October 4 (St. Francis of Assisi)

Neh 2:1-8 / Lk 9:57-62

Thursday, October 5 (Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos)

Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 / Lk 10:1-12

Friday, October 6

(St. Bruno & Bl. Marie Rose Durocher)

Bar 1:15-22 / Lk 10:13-16

Saturday, October 7 (Our Lady of the Rosary)

Bar 4:5-12, 27-29 / Lk 10:17-24

Sunday, October 8

Is 5:1-7 / Phil 4:6-9 / Mt 21:33-43

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Masses, Intentions & Services

Sat. Sept. 30	5:00 p.m.+ Robert & Lorene Pfannenstiel
Sun. Oct. 1	9:30 a.m.+ Verlin Stramel 11:00 a.m. People of the Parish
Wed. Oct. 4	7:00 a.m.+ Robert, Lucy & Luciana Brull
Fri. Oct. 6	7:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of Josepha Dome Family
Sat. Oct. 7	5:00 p.m.+ Fritz & Deltha Legleiter
Sun. Oct. 8	9:30 a.m. People of the Parish 11:00 a.m.+ Clarence Lang

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR Oct. 7 & 8

Saturday, 5:00 P.M. Mass

EMHC

Neil Nickelson
Deacon
Bryan Brady
Whitney Ford
Marilyn Gabel
Tamra Leiker
Stan Mayers

Lectors

Gracemary Melvin #1
Thelma Nickelson #2
Jake Brady
Jared Mayers
Jalynn Weilert

Hospitality

Glenn Haselhorst

Sacristan

Glen Gabel

Gift Bearers

Roger Weigel

Sunday, 9:30 A.M. Mass

EMHC

Eric Moeder
Deacon
Joel Dreiling
Deb Kraus
Karen Moeder
Sheila Pfeifer
Nolan Allen +

Lectors

Jessica Hoffman #1
Jamie Dreher #2

Hospitality

Kelton Stecklein

Sacristan

Paul Kraus

Gift Bearers

Craig Karlin

Sunday, 11:00 A.M. Mass

EMHC

Jan Stauth
Deacon
Deborah Schmidtberger
Jayme Clark
Mary Hickman
Janet Kohl
David Wasinger

Lectors

Eileen Anderson #1
Patty Stull #2

Hospitality

Nick Seib

Sacristan

Keith Schmidt

Gift Bearers

Hongbiao Zeng



*October – The Month
of the Rosary*

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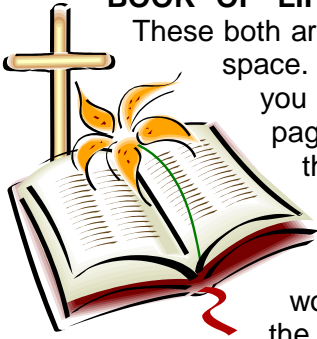
The Sympathy of the St. Nicholas Parish is extended to the family of Lily Marie Hartman.

WE PRAY FOR Jason Kramer and Kari Anderson as they celebrate their Sacrament of Marriage on Saturday, Sept. 30.



BOOK OF LIFE/BOOK OF THE DEAD:

These both are on display in the gathering space. During the month of October, you are invited to add memorial pages to the Book of Life and list the names of your beloved dead in the Book of the Dead. Both books will be incorporated into our worship environment during the month of November.



The **K of C** will have meal tickets for the steak fry and raffle tickets available at the parish picnic. The raffle tickets for the 50/50 raffle will be \$50 for a 1/20 chance to win \$500 and \$100 for a 1/20 chance to win \$1000. The winning tickets will be drawn Oct. 7, at the steak fry with proceeds going to help fund our obligations with Mary Elizabeth Home and the Adopt a Seminarian program.

St. Nicholas K of C #10044 will be sponsoring their annual fundraiser on Saturday, Oct. 7, at the St. Nicholas parish hall.

Menu: KC Strip Steak or Chicken Fried Chicken Dinner

Price: \$15.00 per ticket

Social Hour: 6 / Supper: 7pm

Drawings Following Meal

For tickets call: Glen Gabel at 785-628-2120 or

Justin Baalman at 785-635-3777 or any

St. Nicholas Knights Member.



Adoration Chapel needs someone to cover the hours of 2 to 3am on Mondays; 3 to 4pm on Thursdays; 5 to 6am on Saturdays; and 4 to 5am on Sundays. If interested please contact Bob Feauto at 628-1429.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The annual **Life Chain** will be held in Hays on Respect Life Sunday, Oct. 1, in Hays. The event itself will start at 2:45pm, at the St. Joseph Cemetery in Hays. All will gather at the Memorial to the Unborn for a brief prayer service, then proceed to Vine Street from 26th Street north for the Life Chain.



St. Joseph Cemetery maintenance staff will begin preparing the cemetery for All Souls Day, beginning on October 9th. We ask that you remove any floral arrangements or decorations that you wish to keep, with the exception of those in containers or vases attached to the monument. Items not picked up which interfere with the mowing and trimming will be removed and disposed of by the cemetery staff. As this is the final cleaning, trimming and mowing of the current growing season, please allow approximately two weeks before placing any items back in the cemetery. Your cooperation will be appreciated!

Welcome

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

Cathy Braun;

Andrew & Elizabeth Heimann and Family;

Roger & Patti Kisner;

Shawn & Erin Richmeier and Family



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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The Annual Trick or Treat So Others Can Eat canned food drive is set for Tuesday, Oct. 10. Volunteers will be going door to door collecting non-perishable food items from 6 to 9pm. All

Ellis County Communities are involved in the food drive. To assure residents that the items collected are for the Community Assistance Center, all volunteers will be wearing an identification badge with "Trick or Treat So Others Can Eat" clearly printed. Please leave non-perishable food items on the porch if you will not be home or do not want someone ringing the doorbell. Several community groups from the city of Hays volunteer their time to make the food drive a success. Any house missed or those living in a rural area may take food items to the Community Assistance Center in Hays located at 12th & Oak until noon Oct. 31. For more information or if you have questions, please contact Shaina Prough at Hays High School, 623-2600.

Food Drive



This is the 23rd year for our annual St. Nicholas Soup Day. The date is Sunday, Oct. 22, in the parish hall. Serving times are 11:30am to 1pm, and again from 4:30 to 6:30pm. We will

be serving homemade chicken noodle soup, homemade chili, chicken salad sandwiches, hot dogs, relishes and dessert, along with a drink. A FREE WILL offering is requested. We are in need of shoe boxes for carryout orders and also donations of pies, cakes, food and cash. If you can help with any of these or volunteer your time to assist in the preparation and serving of meals, that would be greatly appreciated. To volunteer or donate, you can sign up before and after masses or contact Mary Mellick at 785-628-8896 or by email at swt7kity@gmail.com

Calling all Catholic moms! You are invited to join Catholic Motherhood, a group of women from area parishes who support each other in our motherly vocations. Meetings are scheduled for Oct. 2 & 16, at 7:30pm. For more information about this group and for location details, please contact Mary Schroeder at 621-2121.

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Engaged Couples are invited to a one day retreat - *God's Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage*. It offers a refreshing and positive vision of marriage and marital love. It helps couples fully embrace God's glorious plan for their marriage, love, and human sexuality. The seminar is based on Pope John Paul II's revolutionary insights found in his *Theology of the Body*. **Date & Time:** Saturday Oct. 7, at 8:30am **Location:** Immaculate Heart of Mary – Upper Room **PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED by Sept. 29**, to register or questions please contact Susan at 785-625-7339 or skisner@ihm-church.com or Nancy at nurban76@gmail.com

Kansas Germans from Russia State Conference formally known as "The Kansas Round-up" will be held on Oct. 7, at Whiskey Creek back meeting room, 3205 Vine St., Hays. Registration begins at 8am, registration deadline is Sept. 22. Registration Fee: \$10.00 Members; \$15.00 Non-Members; \$15.00 Lunch; \$17.00 Banquet. Meeting & programs at 9am. Don't miss the interesting guests! For a registration form go to: <https://www.sunflowerchapterofahsgr.net/registration>, stop by the St. Joseph Parish Service Center to pick up forms, or contact Kevin Rupp at 785-656-0329.

Stars & Stripes Breakfast - Sunday, Oct. 8, from 7:30am to Noon, at the Hays VFW. A portion of the proceeds go to help the TMP-Marian High School football program. Advanced tickets are adults \$8.50 (\$9.00 at door), Children 5-12 yrs. \$3.50 (\$4.00 at door) under 5 years eat for free. To buy tickets contact any TMP-Marian High School football player or Janel Ruder at 628-3371.



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.

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Katharinenstadt's Essenfest will be held on Oct. 22, from 11am to 2pm, at Kennedy Middle School. The contestants wanting to enter the German Style Cook-off can only enter if they are making a German Style Dish. Some of the favorites of course are Greenbean and Dumpling Soup, Sauerkraut, Brats, Raw Hamburger, Bierocks, any flavor Kuchen, Spitzbuben, ect. There will also be raffle prizes and a mini bake sale along with. Anyone wanting to attend and of course be the taste testers will need a \$5 to get in. For details to enter or to attend please contact Sarah Shubert at 785-656-2399, sarah.shubert@outlook.com, or on our Public Facebook event page Katharinenstadt's Essenfest.

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.

SALINA DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

2018 MARCH FOR LIFE in Washington, D.C. is Friday, Jan. 19, 2018. The Salina Diocese sponsored pilgrimage to the March will depart the chancery parking lot Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2018 and will return Sunday, Jan. 21, 2018. Registration with a non-refundable fee of \$50.00 is due by Sept. 30, 2017. Online registration will be available @ salinadiocese.org/respect-life. Contact the Respect Life Office @ respectlife@salinadiocese.org or telephone (785) 628-1446 for more information. Deacon Scott Watford is the Salina Diocese Respect Life Coordinator.

Jr. CYO & CYO ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- **Heartland parishes Jr CYO Fun Night** at the HRC will be held on Oct. 1, from 6:50 to 9pm. St Nicholas Jr CYO is in charge of snacks. If plan attending please bring your favorite snack!! GAMES, FOOD, & PRAYER!!!

-- **Big thanks to our CYO members** who helped out at the parish picnic. You guys did a great job!

Oct. 8 – CYO Meeting 6:30pm-7:30pm

-- **Keep up-to-date on information** by watching the website at www.stn-church.com/faith-formation/cyo You can also signup for our Remind Texts. Download instructions on the CYO webpage

FAITH FORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Faith Formation Families are encouraged to attend the Festival of Faith Wednesday, Oct. 4. This is a call to all of the Christians of Hays and the surrounding communities to come together and join in prayer. We will be praying for our Great Nation, our Communities, our Families, our Neighbors, and Christians Everywhere. Let us join in unity, with one voice, to raise our prayers up to the God who loves and saves us. Join us at Beach Schmidt Performing Arts Center on Wednesday, Oct. 4, from 6:30 to 7:30pm, for the 2017 Festival of Faith.

Oct. 4 – NO Class!

Oct. 11 – Class, 6:15-7:15pm, at Kennedy

Oct. 18 – Class, 6:15-7:15pm, at Kennedy

Oct. 25 – Reconciliation, 6:15-7:15pm,
at St. Nicholas Church

ADULT FAITH FORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us if you haven't yet. We would love to have you. Information is on our website at <http://stn-church.com/faith-formation/adult-education>

Oct. 11 – Bible Basics 101 - Class, 6:15-7:15pm,
at Kennedy

Oct. 18 – Bible Basics 101 - Class, 6:15-7:15pm,
at Kennedy

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CATHOLIC SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS



-- Thomas More Prep-Marian Jr. Sr. High School

The new school year is underway, and we are looking forward to this being great year. This is always a great time to say thanks to all of you who have helped our schools get started and on a path to success. We couldn't do it without all of the wonderful people in our Parishes and Communities!

-- **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

-- **Monarch Madness Football Winners:** To keep up with who wins each week check out our website at <https://tmp-m.org/monarch-football-madness-2017/>

-- **PTF Soup Supper** will be on Sunday, Oct. 8, in the TMP-M Cafeteria, from 4 to 7pm. Menu: Chili Soup, Green Bean Dumpling Soup, Turkey Sandwiches & Cinnamon Rolls

CATHOLIC SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- TMP-Marian Bake Sale – Oct. 27

Bierocks \$35.00 per dozen; Frozen Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough \$8.00 each (makes 2 ½ to 3 dozen cookies). Deadline for all orders is Thursday, Oct. 19. Pick up orders from 3 to 6pm, on Oct. 27, in TMP-M Dining room.



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

THE DAYS AHEAD

Oct. 5 RCIA, 6:30pm

Oct. 7 Men of Myra, 7:30am

-- Rosary in the St. Nicholas Church, 4:30pm

Oct. 8 Rosary in the St. Nicholas Church, 9am



eGiving with *Faith Direct*

This month we are introducing a new and exciting way for you to support our parish offertory and second collections: *Faith Direct*. *Faith Direct* enables parishioners to make your Church contributions through either direct debit from your checking/savings account or through your credit/debit card. No more writing checks or searching for envelopes on the way out the door. Now you can apply the convenience of direct debit to your parish offerings in much the same way as you may now use it to make your mortgage, car or tuition payments.

Faith Direct also offers you personalized offertory cards to replace your envelopes for the collection basket.

Please join me in enrolling by responding to the mailing you will receive or visit www.faithdirect.net to enroll securely online. Our parish code is **KS870**.

God Bless You!
Rev. Jarett Konrade

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23rd ANNUAL ST. NICHOLAS SOUP DAY

Sunday, October 22, 2017

Lunch served from 11:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Supper served from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

**COST:
FREE WILL OFFERING**

MENU:

Homemade Chicken Noodle Soup

Homemade Chili Soup

Chicken Salad Sandwiches

Hot Dogs

Relishes & Crackers

Desserts & Drinks

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23rd Annual Soup Day

October 22

MENU:

HOMEMADE CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP
HOMEMADE CHILI SOUP
HOT DOGS / CHICKEN SALAD SANDWICHES
RELISHES / CRACKERS
DESSERTS / DRINKS

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

Donations Needed:

- _____ cakes, pies, cookies, etc. (specify which and how many)
- _____ whole chickens (how many) **Need by Sunday, Oct. 15**
- _____ cook & donate 1 chili recipe (1 recipe is 5 lbs. meat)
- _____ donate the ingredients for chili recipe
- _____ cash donations (amount)
- _____ help with food prep (Thursday, October 19 @ 6:00pm)
- _____ help debone chicken (Friday, October 20 @ 8:30am)
- _____ help make sandwiches (Sunday, October 22 @ 8:30am)
- _____ help during meal times (Sunday, October 22)
- _____ donations of food (sign up at weekend masses)

If you have questions or wish to help,

Call Mary Mellick at 628-8896. email: swt7kity@gmail.com

Name: _____ Phone: _____

The bottom portion of this flyer can be placed in the collection basket.