

Sunday, November 1, 2020: Solemnity of All Saints

FROM THE DEACON'S DESK

Revelation: 7: 2-4. 9-14

1 John 3: 1-3

Matthew 5: 1-12a

On this Feast of All Saints, we celebrate all the men and women who have gone before us and have been faithful to God and are now enjoying eternal life in heaven. We also celebrate our personal call to sainthood. So what does it mean to be a saint? The word saint means holy one. By our baptism we are called to lives of holiness. The call to holy living can seem a daunting journey. Jesus Christ shows us the way, and the Holy Spirit guides us each day to the fulfillment of that goal.

In the first reading from Revelation, we glimpse the multitude of those who have survived the great period of trial and persecution and are now enjoying God's eternal presence. These are the ones who have their robes washed clean in the blood of the Lamb. To enter the heavenly kingdom, those counted among the great multitude had to be daily converted and live out the dying and rising of their baptism. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus lays out what membership for His kingdom and its requirements entail. Membership in His kingdom requires a poverty of spirit that relies not on ourselves but totally on God. It demands an attitude of desiring God's reign above all else. Our daily lives should be filled with mercy, a purity of heart, a desire to bring about peace in the world, and a willingness to suffer all for the fulfillment of His kingdom.

To be a saint can seem overwhelming. We might ask how can little old me attain the goal of sainthood. Thomas Merton the great theologian, writer, and mystic said, "For me to be a saint means to be myself. Therefore, the problem of sanctity and salvation is in fact the problem of finding out who I am and of discovering my true self." So it's not about living some extraordinary lifestyle, but about finding out what God intends for me. What purpose does God have more me? God created me for a special plan, and He wants me to live out this purpose in my ordinary life. I can't be someone else. I can only be what God intended me to be. My truest self is not what I think others want me to be. It's not the image I project. It's what I am at my core.

So what we'll be necessary to become a saint? It means daily self-emptying of myself. It requires letting go of my ego, my wants, my desire for control and satisfaction and surrendering to God. Instead of doing it my way, I search out what God wants and follow his plan. This is a daily dying to self and rising to a new life in God. It means going against the world and its way, and Jesus promises we will be persecuted and hated for it. Yet, there is great joy and satisfaction and living out the Gospel life. The ultimate reward is life in the presence of our God forever, but there is great joy even now as we follow God's plan. Jesus in the Beatitudes says we can enjoy the fruits of living in His kingdom now.... today.... each day if only we surrender all to Him.

Deacon Steve

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



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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The Parish Office will be closed Monday,
Nov. 2, in observance of All Souls' Day.*

FAITH FORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Dates

Nov. 4 – Classes at Kennedy 6:15pm-7:15pm

Nov. 11 – Classes at Kennedy 6:15pm-7:15pm

Nov. 18 – Classes at Kennedy 6:15pm-7:15pm

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Tithing: Your Gift to God

Fiscal Year: July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021

Collection for the week of Oct. 25	\$ 7,344
Faith Direct Collection for the week of Oct. 22	\$ 18,210
Weekly Collection to meet Fiscal Budget:	\$ 17,443
Fiscal Year Budgeted:	\$907,025
Collected Year to Date:	\$248,119

Faith Direct collected twice a month.

Nov. 1 Mark & Amanda Lang & Carrie Legleiter
Nov. 8 Brad & Lisa Unrein & Danny Dinkel
Nov. 15 Bill & Tiffany Weber & Jennifer Brown
Nov. 22 Tim & Tina Zimmerman & Mike Morley

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

1. The Diocese has made available parish offertory giving to your parish. Parishioners can tithe on-line without leaving your home. It is simple and easy to use on the diocesan website. Just go to salinadiocese.org/development/parish-offertory choose **St. Nicholas of Myra – Hays** complete the form and click 'Donate'. Every Monday they will send us a check with a list of donors so we can give you credit for your donation. You also have the option of paying by credit card.

2. You can sign-up on Faith Direct. You can enroll on our website at <https://stn-church.com/> or us eGiving with *Faith Direct*. To enroll securely online go to www.faithdirect.net. Our parish code is KS870.

3. If you do on-line bill pay, your bank will send a check to St. Nicholas of Myra for your tithe.

4. For those using tithing envelopes or donation, you can mail to 2901 E. 13th St.

Thank You!



The 23rd Annual Coat Drive is being held now through Oct. 30. Coats may be taken to Master Cleaners or Top Notch. Those needing a coat, hat, or gloves can select one on Nov. 7, 9am to 2pm, at Master Cleaners or Top Notch.

CYO ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nov. 1 – All Saints Day Celebration 6:30pm

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Masses, Intentions & Services

Sat. Oct. 31	5:00 p.m.	People of the Parish
Sun. Nov. 1	9:30 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of K of C 11:00 a.m.+ Christopher Clark
Mon. Nov. 2	7:00 a.m.+	Verlene Ochs
Tues. Nov. 3	7:00 a.m.+	Alvin, Florine & Bonnie Sanders
Thurs. Nov. 5	7:00 a.m.+	Joseph Becker
Fri. Nov. 6	7:00 a.m.+	Clarence & Melinda Lang
Sat. Nov. 7	5:00 p.m.	Living & Deceased of Aloysius & Betty Schmidt Family
Sun. Nov. 8	9:30 a.m.+ 11:00 a.m.	Al & Lucy Hertel People of the Parish

Readings for Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time Monday, November 2 (The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed)

Wis 3:1-9 / Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9 / Jn 6:37-40

Tuesday, November 3 (St. Martin de Porres)

Phil 2:5-11 / Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday, November 4 (St. Charles Borromeo)

Phil 2:12-18 / Lk 14:25-33

Thursday, November 5

Phil 3:3-8a / Lk 15:1-10

Friday, November 6

Phil 3:17-4:1 / Lk 16:1-8

Saturday, November 7

Phil 4:10-19 / Lk 16:9-15

Sunday, November 8

Wis 6:12-16 / 1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14 /
Mt 25:1-13

Are you a current member of the St. Nicholas Of Myra Knights of Columbus? If so, we want to make sure we can reach you about important events. If you are currently receiving emails from info@stnickskofc.org then make sure you add this address to your address book to prevent these messages from being treated as spam. If you are not receiving these emails please email Bryan Brady bryan@bradyinc.net and ask to be included on the email list. If you have any questions please feel free to call Bryan @ 785-639-5095.

THE DAYS AHEAD

Nov. 5 – RCIA Meeting, 6:30pm

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All Soul's Cemetery Services:

Sunday, Nov. 1

St. Joseph – 12pm

St. Francis of Assisi (Munjor) –
1:30pm



If you come to Mass on Monday, November 2, you can earn a plenary indulgence for the deceased.

From the Handbook of Indulgences: "A plenary indulgence, applicable only to the souls in purgatory, is granted to the faithful who, on All Souls' Day, devoutly visit a church or an oratory and recite an Our Father and the Creed."

A plenary indulgence means all your time in purgatory is wiped away. So this is a great gift to give to the deceased.



REMEMBERING

We would like to remember those members of our St. Nicholas parish family who have died this past year:

Anita M. Karlin
LaVerne "Jay" Weigel
Alexius "Alex" Leiker
Carol L. Gregg
Clint Alan Froelich
Rozanne Augustine
Christen Joseph Klaus
Rita A. Bieker
Melinda Lang
Florine M. Sanders
Jasper "Jack" Joseph Hamel
Mary Lee Brooks



Knights of Columbus Council 11492 Munjor Council will be hosting their Annual Stag Friday, Nov. 6, at the Munjor School Building, Social hour 6 to 7pm, Dinner at 7pm. Serving Mountain Oysters, Brats and all the trimmings. Raffle prizes will be available for numerous prizes! Gun raffle for two guns. Tickets available from Munjor K of C members or call 785-259-4504. Proceeds go towards the K of C Activities.

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2020 St. Nick's Knights of Columbus Cash Raffle

The St. Nicholas of Myra Knights of Columbus wish to invite you to participate in their cash raffle. Because of your generous contributions, their charitable organization has been able to support many K of C programs. **This could not happen without you! Thank you for your support.** Tickets for the raffle are \$25.00 each.

1st Prize - \$2,000.00

2nd Prize - \$1,000.00

3rd Prize – (20) \$100.00

Drawing for the raffle tickets will be on Nov. 14th. To purchase tickets please contact Bryan Brady at 639-5095, Justin Baalman at 635-3777, or a K of C Member.

Daughters of Isabella will honor their deceased members with a Memorial Mass Monday, Nov. 9, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church at 5:30pm, with a meal following. All members and guests must have their reservation made for the meal by Tuesday, Nov. 3, to Peggy at 785-628-1336 or rfeltis@ruraltel.net or Barb at 785-628-8074. The business meeting will follow the meal.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR Nov.7 & 8

Saturday, 5:00 P.M. Mass

EMHC

Scott Braun
Deacon
Stan Mayers

Lectors

Eileen Roberts #1
Keith Dreiling #2

Altar Servers

Carter Normandin
Dakota Normandin
Kennedy
Normandin

Sacristan

Jessica & Kyle Normandin

Cantor/s

Geralyn Allen
Pam Dreiling

Accompanist

Pam Mayers

Sunday, 9:30 A.M. Mass

EMHC

Teresa Heimann
Deacon
Bob Wasinger +

Lectors

Sara Humphrey #1
Mike Morley #2

Altar Servers

Jessica Herrman
Annie Humphrey
Claire Humphrey

Sacristan

Paul Kraus

Cantor/s

Contemporary
Group

Accompanist

Angie Meagher

Sunday, 11:00 A.M. Mass

EMHC

Mark Lang
Deacon
Laura Monroe

Lectors

Mark Cain #1
Patrick Prediger #2

Altar Servers

Leah Cain
Wayde Hollis
Jersie Wittman

Cantor/s

Laurel Klaus
Jennie Kirk

Accompanist

Judith Ofcarcik

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Rachel's Vineyard Retreats

At least 70% of women having abortions say they believe it is immoral. It is because so many women who abort are acting against their consciences and maternal instincts – out of fear, pressure or misinformation – that the psychological impact of abortion can be so profound. We can help.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats

Healing the pain of abortion one weekend at a time.

Next retreat: Nov. 6-8, 2020

877-I-GRIEVE (877-447-4383)

rachelsvineyard@salinadiocese.org
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The **Evangelization Committee** is looking for nursing home employees who would be willing to pray with the residents. Since the nursing homes are still closed to the public because of the COVID restrictions, neither I nor our regular Extraordinary Communion Ministers are allowed to visit. However, nursing home employees, who have been screened for COVID, are allowed to interact with the residents. This is how we are able to get communion to patients at the Medical Center--we commissioned employees to be Extraordinary Ministers of Communion. We want to expand this. If you work at one of the nursing homes or extended care facilities in town, are a parishioner at St. Nick's and are willing to help, please let us know here at St. Nick's.

Thanks, Fr. Damian



1st Annual FHSU K of C Fundraiser Cornhole Tournament

on Saturday, Nov. 7, at 10am, at Frontier Park East (Near National Guard Armory)

\$40.00 entry fee per

team. Full day of fun, food and \$500 in prizes.

Register using code or at

<https://forms.gle/oWtFEKx7cKjU4Ep17> Contact

Mark Schuckman at 785-365-9947 or

markschuckman@gmail.com for more information.

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KMDG 105.7 on the air! Divine Mercy Radio has launched a new Hays Catholic radio station, 105.7, KMDG. If you would like a new bumper magnet to help spread the word and get others

to tune in, they are available at Divine Mercy Radio's office, 108 E. 12th St. in Hays.

Adoration Chapel needs someone to cover the hours of 1 to 2pm on Wednesdays; 1 to 2am; 10 to 11pm; and 11pm to 12am on Fridays; and 11pm to 12am, and 5 to 6pm on Saturdays. The Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel, at 1805 Vine St., IHM Church is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and Jesus is waiting for you. If you wish to sign up for an hour, please call one of the following Archangels: Bob & Carol Feauto: (12 a.m. to 6 a.m.), 628-1429; Lorraine Brungardt, (6 a.m. to 12 p.m.), 625-3021; Yvonne Demuth: (12 p.m. to 6 p.m.), 656-9543; Geri Rupp: (6 p.m. to 12 a.m.), 639-5588.

Dominican Sisters of Peace Sisters and Associates in Mission will have a Great Bend Raffle-Only Bazaar on Nov. 14, benefiting their Mission in Nigeria and the economic poor. Raffle only, no in-person bazaar due to COVID-19 tickets \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

Prizes Include:

Bracelet (valued at \$1900)

Ring (valued at \$1400)

Hand-Stitch Quilt

4 Quarters of Beef

Hand-Sculpted Santa – an original

Hand-Turned Wooden Bowl – an original

Containing Fender Guitar

2 Gift Baskets Containing Homemade items

Homemade Wooden Child' Rocker

Two \$75 Cash Prizes

Three \$50 Cash Prizes

Two \$50 Walmart Gift Cards

Purchase raffle tickets securely online at oppeace.org

SALINA DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Catholic Charities will host the 3rd Annual Adoption Mass at noon on Friday, Nov. 6. Bishop Vincke will celebrate mass at the Sacred Heart Cathedral in Salina in honor of National Adoption Awareness month. The mass is open to the public and families and individuals touched by adoption are encouraged to attend.

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What is "Value Them Both?"

VALUE THEM BOTH is the proposed state constitutional amendment for life supported by the Catholic Bishops of Kansas. The amendment is crucial because the Kansas Supreme Court recently created a nearly unlimited "right" to abortion, including taxpayer-funded abortion, teens seeking an abortion without parental knowledge or consent and late-term abortions. Once passed, the VALUE THEM BOTH will help protect mothers and their unborn babies from the abortion industry. Please pray for passage of VALUE THEM BOTH.

Prayer:

We pray for our Kansas state legislators and the successful passage of the Value Them Both Amendment for life, so that Kansas can better protect both unborn children and their mothers from the harms of the abortion industry, we pray to the Lord.

2021 MARCH FOR LIFE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. will take place Jan. 29th, 2021. There will be a Salina Diocese sponsored pilgrimage again in 2021 but it will look different than past years. With uncertainty caused by the pandemic it was decided to NOT charter busses for the 25+ hour trip because confining a large group of people in a bus is not advisable at this time. The alternative to riding the bus is to fly to D.C. or drive yourself there! Airline tickets are currently priced at an affordable rate, but that will change quickly as the January event date draws closer. The Diocese **WILL NOT** purchase airline tickets, that is up to each individual or group to do on their own. The Diocese **WILL** provide hotel accommodations and transportation in D.C.! Expected cost per person for hotel and transportation in D.C. is \$200. **The DEADLINE to register is NOV. 20, 2020** with two ways to register. Online registration is available, or you can mail in your registration. Full payment of \$200 is due with your registration. Make checks payable to Salina Diocese Respect Life Office and mailed to PO Box 980, Salina, KS 67402, attention: March for Life. Cost of travel must be paid by the individual. Registration forms, Medical/Waiver forms, are available on the diocesan Website. ALL plans are subject to change as the ongoing pandemic makes it difficult to be assured of anything. When purchasing airline tickets be sure to ask about refundability or transferring the use of your ticket to a later date in the event we don't go.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- **Cajetan Cash is a fundraising raffle** that benefits Holy Family Elementary. Cajetan comes from Saint Cajetan, which is the patron saint of good fortune.



Tickets are available for purchase thru Nov. 20. One winner will receive 50% of the proceeds (up to \$10,000). The suggested donation is \$10 per ticket. Contact any HFE student or visit hfehays.org to purchase your tickets. Drawing will be held LIVE on the HFE Facebook page at 3pm, on Nov. 24. Thank you for your support!

Holy Family Elementary is seeking temporary part-time help in TWO areas! We need extra hands assisting our school cooks AND our school custodians! If you are interested in working for us in one of these areas, or want to learn more details, please contact the school at 785-625-3131 or stop by between 7:30am – 4pm. Thanks!



-- **St. Thomas More Society** We ask for your prayers and continued support for the St. Thomas More Society (STMS), the largest operational fund for TMP-Marian and Holy Family Elementary. Soon the annual campaign will arrive in homes and we pray that it will be met with generosity for the future of Catholic education. This year, the STMS is called upon to raise \$520,000. For questions or to contribute to the STMS, please contact Troy Ruda at rudat@tmpmarian.org.

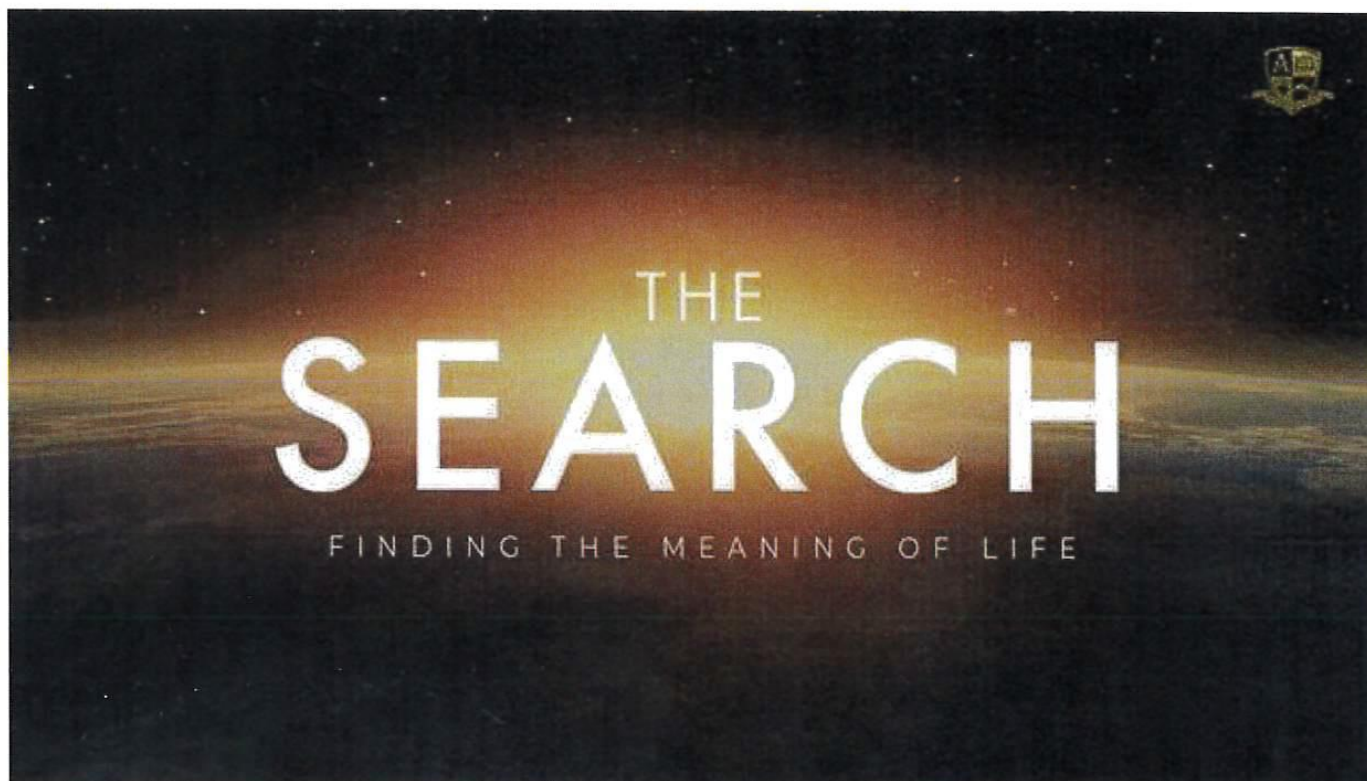
-- **In-Person Learning at Our Catholic Schools - Subs Needed!** Students at TMP-Marian and Holy Family Elementary have been learning in-person since the beginning of the school year in August. We are so thankful to be able to keep our students in the school. Navigating the path of this pandemic to make this possible is not an easy task and we are always in need of substitute teachers. If you are interested please contact either Chad Meitner at meitnerc@tmpmarian.org or Rachel Wentling at rwentling@hfehays.org. A per diem is available for this service.

-- **31 Days of Cash** When you purchase a 31 Days of Cash ticket from a student at TMP-Marian or online at tmp-m.org you are eligible to win cash prizes twice daily every day of December! But better yet, you are supporting student activities. Thank you for your support and good luck!

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St. Nicholas of Myra Adult Education Class

Invites You to Join Us For



The Search—Finding the Meaning of Life

Wednesday Evenings 6:15-7:05

**October 28th, November 4th, November 11th, November 18th, December 2nd January
6th January 13th**

Classes will be held in the Kennedy Building Cafeteria (1st floor)

There is no cost to attend the classes and there are no materials needed.

We hope to see you there!