

# Sunday, January 7, 2018: Epiphany of the Lord

## FR. JARETT'S CATHOLIC Q & A

ALWAYS BE READY  
TO GIVE AN ANSWER



1 PETER 3:13-17

***Growing up, I remember thinking that the cloth the priest wore during benediction was because he could not touch the Eucharist, to show its holiness as an act of reverence, is this correct?***

Let's cover a few of these terms as it seems that exposition, adoration, and benediction in many places has fallen out of practice and I don't want to leave anyone behind with the terminology.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament traditionally takes place by taking a large consecrated host from mass, which is then placed in a Luna, which is circular glass case, which is then placed in the monstrance. Luna is the latin term for moon and is named such because of the symbolism of reflecting the light of the sun (Jesus Christ), but also because traditionally the luna was a crescent moon shape.

The Luna is placed in the monstrance. A monstrance can be of many different sizes and shapes, but its functionality is described by its name, rooted in the Latin word *monstrare*, meaning "to show." The function of the monstrance is to draw one's attention to the Blessed Sacrament, to Jesus Christ's real presence. Often a monstrance is gold with some form of sun rays beaming out symbolizing once again, the light of Jesus Christ.

Praying in front of the Blessed Sacrament in the monstrance is called adoration, but more specifically exposition, because the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for the faithful to gaze upon. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, on the other hand, refers specifically to the blessing performed by the priest with the monstrance in hand. For this blessing, the priest uses a special vestment called a humeral veil. Humeral veil, literally translated "flesh cover." The significance of this cloth is not because the priest is not able to touch the monstrance it is so that his flesh or his humanity is veiled during the benediction, in order to convey the meaning that this blessing comes from God in His powerful presence in the Eucharist.

Perpetual adoration chapels are chapels where the Eucharist is always exposed offering the faithful an opportunity to pray in this powerful form any time of day or night. In our diocese, you can find a chapel of this form in Hays, Salina, and Manhattan.

Have questions, clarifications, or concerns. Email them to Fr. Jarett at [father.konrade@eaglecom.net](mailto:father.konrade@eaglecom.net)

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



**CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS WILL BE TAKEN DOWN** on Sunday, Jan. 7, 1pm, as we return to the celebration of

Ordinary Time on our church calendar. Your help would be appreciated as we end the Christmas season.

**Thank you** to LeRoy Lang and Jim Krob for delivering Meals on Wheels on behalf of St Nicholas Church for the week of Jan. 8 through the 12! You are truly appreciated!

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

*John Clarke;  
Chris & Tafra Randa and Family*



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## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



**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 January topics:

**Thursday Jan. 11, 7pm**  
**Knowing the Faith Session 7:**  
**The Holy Spirit and the Life of Grace**  
**Thursday Jan. 18, 7pm**  
**Knowing the Faith Session 8:**  
**Why Do I Need the Church?**  
**Thursday Jan. 25, 7pm**  
**Knowing the Faith Session 9:**  
**Mary and the Saints**

**“NAMI-HAYS” (National Alliance on Mental Illness)** 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 Jan. 8, 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”** 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, Jan. 9, at JD's Chicken, 740 E. 8th 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)

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**“Healing Hearts”** 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 Jan. 11, 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)



**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!

**Ellis Knights of Columbus** is having a pre-Lenten fish fry on Saturday Jan. 13, from 5 to 7pm at the Knights Hall in Ellis.

## 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.

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## THE DAYS AHEAD

- Jan. 8 – Stewardship Meeting, 5:30pm  
– K of C Meeting, 7pm  
Jan. 11 – RCIA, 6:30pm  
Jan. 13 – Men of Myra, 7:30am  
-- Rosary in the St. Nicholas Church, 4:30pm  
Jan. 14 – Rosary in the St. Nicholas Church, 9am

## SALINA DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FEBRUARY 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.

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



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## JR. CYO ANNOUNCEMENTS

Heartland parishes Jr. CYO bowling party is scheduled for Jan. 13, from 7 to 9pm, at Centennial Lanes. All 6-8th graders are welcome to attend. The cost is \$5.00. Bring extra money if you want snacks.

## CATHOLIC SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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](http://www.hfehays.org)



**Thomas More Prep-Marian**  
[www.tmp-m.org](http://www.tmp-m.org)

-- TMP-Marian and Nacel Open Door are looking for a family who would like to open up their home to an international student from South Korea for second semester starting in January of this year. Eric is 15 and will be attending 8th grade at Thomas More Prep Marian High School starting Jan. 4. Eric enjoys basketball, movies, painting, pets, soccer, and swimming. Eric says he loves to be with younger children and has pets in his home. Eric wishes to attend TMP-Marian to study English and prepare for college in the USA. This will be Eric's first time living in the United States. He has been studying at Seoul Scholars International School in South Korea taking classes in English. He is eager to join us at TMP-Marian and is excited for this opportunity. Potential host families who are interested in this rewarding experience should contact Nacel Open Door Local Representative, Stacey Lang, at [langs@tmpmarian.org](mailto:langs@tmpmarian.org) or 785-259-4345. Host parents receive a monthly stipend to offset costs associated with hosting a student. We invite you to consider being a host family and providing a student with a wonderful host experience. Please call or email today for more information.