

## Sunday, January 14, 2018: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

### FR. JARETT'S CATHOLIC Q & A



This past weekend at Sunday morning mass I had an opportunity to meet our parish rep for Lighthouse Catholic Media (the book & cd stand in the gathering space) who lives in Wichita. She was super excited to see all the positive things going on at St. Nicholas of Myra. Her excitement got me thinking at the beginning of 2018 where do we find ourselves and where are we going?

She sent me an e-mail congratulating us on 300 registrations on [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org). In December we had almost 150 separate visits by parishioners listening, watching and studying the wealth of materials offered by that website on the basics of our Catholic faith. If you haven't signed up, I definitely encourage you to create your free user account and check it out. Use Parish Code - JZ3DPK

We have slowly but surely had an increase in users (now at 50) on Faith Direct our online giving resource. We don't pay any extra for additional users signed up, so it might be a way to look at your Stewardship of treasure for 2018. I signed up and it was super easy.

We are in the final stages of finalizing the digital rendering of the renovation design for the Church (painting, flooring, pew refurbishing, and sanctuary updates), which just two weeks ago received diocesan approval. As soon as the rendering is finalized I will be displaying the design in the back of Church and we will open up the opportunity for unique donation gifts for some of the elements of the sanctuary (crucifix, statues, altar, ambo, etc as well as for the overall project.) At this point, we plan to begin with the renovations in May.

We are gearing up for the spring semester of "That Man is You" as well as the adult education and bible study opportunities. I encourage you to be thinking about what way the Lord might be calling you to invest a little more time in the coming months toward faith enrichment (Stewardship of Time) by utilizing one of these events. Maybe its simply doing something with your family or neighbors from home with [formed.org](http://formed.org) or reading the upcoming Sunday readings with a group of friends and talking about it. It's amazing what God can do when we open the door and allow him access to our spiritual home.

Obviously, I could go on and on, but thank you to so many parish leaders that devote their time, talent, and energy to the good things happening at St. Nicholas of Myra.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with questions, ideas, or concerns as we continue to grow as a parish family. I am so very blessed to be your pastor and God willing we will have the opportunity to continue to grow together for years to come. Happy 2018 to you and yours!

In Christ's Loving Service  
Your Pastor,

Fr. Jarett  
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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. 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**

**The St. Nicholas Ladies Guild** meets on Monday, Jan. 15. We will begin with a rosary in the church at 6:45pm. The meeting is at 7pm. Our speaker is Shirley Dinkel who will introduce us to "Christ's Cupboard", a program to help feed underprivileged students on the weekends. Call Jean at 625-9348 or Karen at 913-370-1133 for questions or a ride to the meeting. We welcome all ladies of the parish!

**The annual gathering of the Salina Diocesan Council of Catholic Women** will be on Sunday, Jan. 28, at St. John Catholic High School in Beloit from 1 to 4pm. Father Mike Scully will be speaking on Evangelization. How can we invite others to be more open to finding Christ in their lives and making a commitment to be more faithful to Jesus in our lives. For questions, call Alice Fox 785-820-1896.

**Soup Luncheon Sunday**, Jan. 21, from 11am to 2pm, at the Senior Center, Gorham. Homemade soups: Chili, Green Bean & Dumpling and Chicken & Noodle; homemade breads, pies and desserts. Adults - \$8.00; 5 to 10 years - \$4.00; 4 and under - Free; quart carry out - \$10.00. Sponsored by D of I. Don't forget to stop by and check out their Country Store.

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship Contest Announcement** St. Joseph K of C Council #1325 to Sponsor Youth Free Throw Championship. All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2018 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The local competition will be held Sunday Jan. 14, at 1pm, at St. Joseph Parish School (Former Kennedy Middle School) 1309 Fort Street Hays, Kansas 67601. The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually, with winners progressing through local, district, and state competitions. International champions are announced by the K of C international headquarters based on scores from the state-level competitions. All boys and girls 9 to 14 years old are eligible to participate and will compete in their respective age divisions. Last year more than 120,000 sharpshooters participated in over 3,600 local competitions. All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation in the event. Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. For entry forms or additional information contact: Mark Herl at 785-623-9579 or [mrherl@hotmail.com](mailto:mrherl@hotmail.com). The Knights of Columbus is an international Catholic family fraternal service organization with over 1.8 million members in 15,000 local councils. Last year, Knights donated over 70 million volunteer hours and \$170 million to charitable and benevolent causes, sponsoring projects to benefit their church, councils, communities, culture of life, families and youth.

**St. Mary's Church 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Valentine's Dance is Feb. 10!** The Dance will feature *Jimmy Dee & The Fabulous Destinations*. Doors open at 6:15pm, dinner at 6:45pm, dance to follow until 11:30pm. Advanced tickets ONLY are for sale now at Divine Mercy Radio in Hays or by calling the Emily at St. Mary's Church at 785-726-4522. Tickets are \$25.00/each, 21 years of age or older to attend the dance. We are also having a Valentine's Day 50/50 Raffle. Tickets for raffle sold separately: (2) for \$5.00 or (6) for \$10.00. We hope you will join us for a fun evening of fun!

**Adoration Chapel** needs someone to cover the hours of 2 to 3am, on Mondays; 2 to 3am, on Thursdays; and 2 to 3am, on Fridays. If interested please contact Bob Feauto at 628-1429.

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**“Healing After Loss of Suicide”** Healing After Loss of Suicide is an organization offering family members and friends of those who have lost a loved one to suicide a place to connect with others who are dealing with this highly specialized grief recovery process. The group will eat supper at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 17, at *TK’s Smokhaus*. 114 E. 12th 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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& treasure*  
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[www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) – Parish Code: JZ3DPK  
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## THE DAYS AHEAD

- Jan. 15 – Ladies Guild Meeting, 7pm
- Jan. 16 – Community Assistance Center Garage Sale 12<sup>th</sup> & Oak St. 8 to 11am
- Jan. 17 – Single and Beyond Food & Fellowship Meet at Billy Sims BBQ, 4320 Vine St, Suite 90, 6pm
- Jan. 18 – Finance Council Meeting, Noon  
– RCIA, 6:30pm
- Jan. 20 – Men of Myra, 7:30am  
-- Rosary in the St. Nicholas Church, 4:30pm
- Jan. 21 – 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)

## 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.

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Class 3— *The Message of the Gospels*** This is going to be an exciting class. We will take you back to the time of the Apostles and help you to understand what you are reading through the eyes of a first century Gentile or Jew. You will meet the Gospel writers and get to understand who they were writing to and what they were teaching the people they were writing to. Learn who the letters were being sent to and what purpose the letters were being sent. You will see the Gospels come alive right before you, as things you have never seen before start to pop out to you as you grow in your understating of the writers and the times of the Early Church.

Dates: Feb. 21, 28, March 7, 14  
(No Class on Feb. 14)

Adult Sign-up Information—Sign up forms can be found and printed off on-line

<http://stn-church.com/faith-formation/adult-education>

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### FAITH FORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jan. 17 – Class 6:15-7:15pm, Kennedy

### CYO FORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jan. 14 – CYO Meeting 6:30pm-7:30pm

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

### THAT MAN IS YOU ANNOUNCEMENTS

We will be beginning the spring semester of **That Man is You** on Friday Feb. 9. If you didn't join us for the fall semester you are not too late. We would love to see some new guys commit to joining us the spring. We meet at 6 to 6:55am, on Sunday Mornings! We will have signup information in the next few week's bulletins!

### CATHOLIC SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS



-- **March for Life** Please keep our students and sponsors in your prayers as they travel to Washington, DC for March for Life on Friday, Jan. 19. May the Holy Spirit be with them.

-- **State of Our Catholic Schools Address** The annual State of Our Catholic Schools address will be held on Monday, Feb. 5, 7pm, at Immaculate Heart of Mary. While this is a requirement for all families enrolled in Holy Family or TMP-Marian, we encourage everyone from the community to attend. This address provides an overview of the great successes and achievements within our Catholic schools as well as the challenges we are currently facing. As a stakeholder in our Catholic school offering, please plan to attend!

### CATHOLIC SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- **St. Thomas More Society** Did you know that the St. Thomas More Society (STMS) is one of the largest giving arms to the benefit of 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. In the 2017-2018 fiscal year, the budget for STMS is **\$750,000** of which **\$556,427.49** has been received or is pledged. The generosity to our schools is a blessing! But we are not there yet! As of December 28, 2017 we are **\$193,572.51** short of reaching our goal! 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](mailto:rudat@tmpmarian.org)

-- **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](http://www.tmp-m.org/calendar)

### Holy Family Elementary

-- **Holy Family Elementary is seeking part time help** in the school kitchen. Duties include help for lunch preparation, service, and clean up. Interested individuals should enjoy working with children and in a team, show initiative to help where and when needed, demonstrate flexibility of duties as needs arise, and be dependable. Hours are 10am to 2pm, Monday-Friday, when school is in session. Interested applicants may inquire at the school office Monday-Friday 7:30am-4pm or call Rachel Wentling with questions.



### **Holy Family Elementary School Annual Chili Supper and Silent Auction Sunday, Jan. 28, 4 to 7pm**

**Holy Family Elementary School, 18<sup>th</sup> and Vine**  
MENU: Chili, hot chicken sandwiches on homemade buns, relishes, desserts, coffee and tea. Meal tickets are \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children (ages 4-12). Tickets are available in advance at the school office or at the door.

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Saturday, January 20, 2018 - 10:00am Prayer Service with March for Life to follow.

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

## ROE V. WADE MEMORIAL SERVICE & PROCESSION



*Saturday  
January 20, 2018  
Prayer Service - 10:00 a.m.  
March for Life to follow  
St. Joseph Church*

In commemoration of the historical Roe v. Wade Supreme court decision and in honor of the National March for Life in Washington, D.C., St. Joseph Catholic Church is holding a prayer service and march to support the fight to end the legalized practice of abortion in the United States.

The prayer service will commence at 10:00 a.m. on January 20, 2018, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 13th and Ash in Hays, Ks. Immediately following the prayer service any and all are welcome to join and march in silent protest through to the Ellis County Courthouse to further pray for an end to abortion. *Those who can't attend the march are encouraged to stay in the warm church and pray the rosary for a change of heart.*

