

Sunday, January 21, 2018: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

FR. JARETT'S CATHOLIC Q & A

What's the significance of Ordinary Time? Or is it significant?

Every particular Sunday throughout the entire Church year is significant because every Sunday is a solemn celebration and commemoration of the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Sometimes we can get the sense that Christmas and Easter are what's important, and all the other parts of the Liturgical Calendar pale in comparison. This is not true.

We are no more or less required to attend mass on Christmas and Easter than we are the other Sundays of the year. In other words, because of their significance in our spiritual life, we are obliged as Catholics to make it to mass every Sunday, not just the secular and cultural holiday ones.

So, why do we have ordinary time then, it seems to treat a large section of the Church calendar as, well ordinary? As with many words in the English language, this word ordinary is one that has evolved in how we use it in conversation and in literature. In modern times, we call something ordinary if it has no special character or significance. If someone is mundane or common we call them ordinary. This is not what the Church means by ordinary in reference to the Sundays of the Church calendar year. Ordinary is rooted in the word "ordinal" which means "counted."

Therefore these sections of the year are Sundays that are counted. It is true that Ordinary time can be a time that doesn't have the same "focus" as say the season of Lent, however it does have a focus. Ordinary time is not a time of relaxing from our baptismal call as Catholics, or being less dedicated in sacrifice and giving. In fact, it is perhaps a more significant time to live the ministerial life because this period of time in the Church year symbolizes the years of ministry in the life of Jesus Christ.

The liturgical color for the season of Ordinary Time is green. Green symbolizes new life and growth. In what ways have these few days of ordinary time between the Christmas season and the season of Lent been a time of new life and growth in our own spiritual lives?

In Christ's Loving Service
Your Pastor,

Fr. Jarett
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Tithing: Your Gift to God

Fiscal Year: July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018

Collection for the week of Jan. 14	\$ 12,143
Faith Direct Collection for the week of Jan. 4	\$ 4,588
Weekly Collection to meet Fiscal Budget:	\$ 15,227
Fiscal Year Budgeted:	\$791,815
Collected Year to Date:	\$452,926

Jan. 21	Derek & Vanessa Schumacher & Kathy Stenzel
Jan. 28	Rebecca Brady, Mike Morley, & Tasha Werth
Feb. 4	Clint & Marie Froelich, & Nancy Duffy
Feb. 11	Neil & Sondra Klaus & Tammy Lawson

Readings for Third Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, January 22

2 Sm 5:1-7, 10 / Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday, January 23

(St. Vincent & St. Marianne Cope)

2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19 / Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday, January 24 (St. Francis de Sales)

2 Sm 7:4-17 / Mk 4:1-20

Thursday, January 25

(The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle)

Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22 / Mk 16:15-18

Friday, January 26 (SS. Timothy and Titus)

2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5 / Mk 4:26-34

Saturday, January 27 (St. Angela Merici)

2 Sm 12:1-7a 10-17 / Mk 4:35-41

Sunday, January 28

Dt 18:15-20 / 1 Cor 7:32-35 / Mk 1:21-28

CLERGY RENEWAL DAYS: The diocesan priests of the Salina Diocese will be gathering this week in Wichita for Clergy Renewal Days. Pray that they will have a restful and spiritual filled week. There will be no Mass on Wednesday and Friday of this week as Fr. Jarett will be in Wichita.

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.

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Masses, Intentions & Services

Sat. Jan. 20	5:00 p.m. + Wendelin 'Buddy', Alvera, Robert Dinges & Emily Gross
Sun. Jan. 21	9:30 a.m. People of the Parish 11:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of Josepha Dome Family
Wed. Jan. 24	7:00 a.m. No Mass
Fri. Jan. 26	7:00 a.m. No Mass
Sat. Jan. 27	5:00 p.m.+ Armella Wittman
Sun. Jan. 28	9:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of Joe L. Kaiser Family 11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR Jan. 27 & 28

Saturday, 5:00 P.M. Mass

EMHC	Lectors	Hospitality
Courtney Brady	Marvin Kaiser #1	Michael Dick
Deacon	Pam Dreiling #2	
Keith Dreiling		Sacristan
Bernice Kaiser	Altar Servers	Gracemary
Stan Mayers	Jake Brady	Melvin
Thelma Nickelson	Jared Mayers	Gift Bearers
Neil Nickelson	Caden Riat	Kent Werth

Sunday, 9:30 A.M. Mass

EMHC	Lectors	Hospitality
Eric Moeder	Rick Rajewski #1	Michael
Deacon	Tim Zimmerman #2	Humphrey
Stephanie Hagans		Sacristan
Sara Humphrey	Altar Servers	Bill Weber
Karen Moeder	Jessica Herrman	
Keri Veach	Nicholas Herrman	Gift Bearers
Ramie Wasinger +	Sheldon Weber	Joey Koerner

Sunday, 11:00 A.M. Mass

EMHC	Lectors	Hospitality
Mary Hickman	Hannah Keil #1	Hongbiao Zeng
Deacon	Patty Stull #2	
Jayne Inlow		Sacristan
Rose McFarland	Altar Servers	Keith Schmidt
Monica Seib	Bryce Hickman	
Jorge Vazquez	David McFarland	Gift Bearers
Bob Wasinger	Annie Wasinger	Matt Allen

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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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. 25, 7pm
Knowing the Faith Session 9:
Mary and the Saints

If you like to sing or can play an instrument and would like to help lead our congregation in the celebration of the Mass you are welcome to become part of the St. Nicholas of Myra Music Ministry Team! Contact Cheryl at snommusicministry@gmail.com or call 785-650-1589. Thank you for sharing your gifts!

COFFEE & CONVERSATION – Jan. 28, after the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Hosted by the Finance Council. Come join us!



St. Nicholas of Myra Blood Drive will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 30, from noon to 6pm, in the Parish Hall. Please contact the Parish Office at 628-1446 or email Ramona at rfweigel@eaglecom.net, to make an appointment.

St. Mary's Church 5th 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!

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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.

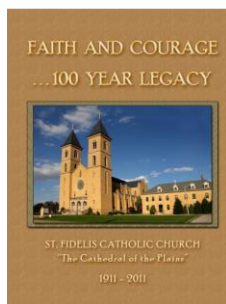
Mother Son Date Night 2018 To all Mothers & Sons in our parish, the annual Mother Son Date Night will take place on Saturday, Feb. 3. Registration forms are available to sign up in the parish gathering space, IHM Facebook event page, IHM parish website as well as in the IHM Parish Office. Registration deadline for IHM parish families is Monday, Jan. 22. Non-IHM parish families may contact the IHM parish office Tuesday, Jan. 23, to check on registration availability. A FIRM deadline is Tuesday, Jan. 30. 150 guest limit for the event.

"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, on Tuesday, Jan. 23, at I-HOP, 4000 Gen. Hays Rd., 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

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.

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“Faith and Courage... 100 Year Legacy”

The centennial history book of the Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria, Kansas, published in 2014 can now be purchased for \$10. Only a limited number is still available. The hard-bound, 225-page book portrays the story of our ancestors' immigration from

Russia to Ellis County, and a timeline of events in the community including the arrival of the Capuchin Friars who have served St. Fidelis from 1876 to the present. Enjoy hundreds of historical pictures and text following the journey of progress for the community, church, school, and its people. Pictures of parish members from St. Boniface, St. Ann, and St. Fidelis are included. Proudly share your heritage with your children and grandchildren. Contact Cora Schulte at 785-735-4971 (cell), 785-735-9233 (home), or cmschulte2@ruraltel.net. The books are also available at the St. Fidelis Gift Shop and the St. Fidelis Thrift Shop. *Local delivery is available.*

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



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Luther College Nordic Choir to perform Feb. 3, at 7:30pm, at the Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria. Luther College Nordic Choir, from Decorah, Iowa one of the top college choirs in the nation, will perform. The performance by the 73-member Nordic Choir is open to the public. No admission will be charged, but a free-will offering will be taken to defray expenses of the tour. The 2018 Nordic Choir tour program includes selections by Randall Thompson, Hans Leo Hassler, and others, including hymn-arrangements, spirituals and the traditional Nordic Choir closing piece "O Lord God" by Pavel Chesnokov. The concert is part of Nordic Choir's 2018 tour of the Midwest and Colorado. The choir tours annually and has performed around the world and throughout the United States. Nordic Choir enjoyed the tenure of Weston Noble as its conductor for 57 years. This tour marks the first year of the Nordic Choir under the baton of Dr. Andrew Last, Luther alumnus of 1997. Luther is home to one of the largest collegiate music programs in the world with six choirs, three bands, three orchestras, two jazz bands and numerous chamber ensembles, totaling more than 800 student musicians. Nearly 275 music majors study music theory/ear training, history, education, composition, church music and performance.

THE DAYS AHEAD

- Jan. 22 – Evangelization Meeting, 7pm
- Jan. 25 – RCIA, 6:30pm
- Jan. 27 – Men of Myra, 7:30am
-- Rosary in the St. Nicholas Church, 4:30pm
- Jan. 28 – Rosary in the St. Nicholas Church, 9am

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 sign-up information in the next few week's bulletins!

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SALINA DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

JANUARY 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

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.



For the safety and the healing of children the Diocese of Salina provides an Abuse of Minors Pastoral Response Hotline: 785-825-0865 along with an email reportabuse@salinadiocese.org. Calls/emails will be answered by the Diocesan Assistance Coordinator. All calls/emails are confidential with the following exception: Any allegation of child abuse concerning those who currently are minors, must be reported to the Kansas Protection Report Center 1-800-922-5330 as required by Kansas State Law and Diocesan Policy. This bulletin announcement provided by the Diocesan Office of Safety and Security.

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

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

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

FAITH FORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jan. 24 – Class 6:15-7:15pm, Kennedy

Jan. 31 – Class 6:15-7:15pm, Kennedy

Jr. CYO FORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jr. CYO Valentine Party at Via Christi Village on Feb. 10, from 12:45 to 2pm. The address is 2225 Canterbury. We will meet in the front lobby. All 6th, 7th and 8th grade students are welcome to attend.

CYO FORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jan. 28 – 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

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CATHOLIC SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Holy Family Elementary

-- Catholic Schools Week 2018
Jan. 28 thru Feb. 2



-- **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, 18th 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.

-- For more information go to www.hfehays.org



-- **State of Our Catholic Schools Address** The annual State of Our Catholic Schools address will be held on Monday, Feb. 5, at 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!

-- **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

-- **Mark your calendars for the annual Band Fund Raiser.** The dance venue will be in the old Kennedy Cafeteria located by St. Joseph Catholic Church. Dance to the music of Anthony and the Anamals. The TMP band is hosting their annual fund raiser dance for the music departments of TMP. This dance is being held on Saturday, Jan. 27, from 8:30 to 11:30pm, at the Kennedy Cafeteria. This will be BYOB and no one under 21 years of age will be admitted. We will provide all set ups and a sandwich buffet at the conclusion of the dance. The evening will feature a wide variety of music including polka's, waltzes, country, 50's, 60's, 70's and 80's. Get a table of your closest friends and support the band programs by having a fun time and dancing to some great music. Tickets are \$15.00 a person and can be purchased by calling TMP at 625-6577 or by contacting Kathy Amrein at 785-650-4371 and members of the TMP Band. Money from this will benefit band programs of TMP Jr. High and TMP High School. Tickets can also be purchased at the door! Come and Join in the fun!