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FR. JARETT'S CATHOLIC Q & A

When I attend Mass in another diocese, I notice that many people make the sign of the cross, during the penitential rite, when the celebrant says "May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life." Is that something we all are supposed to do?

As I have written about many times before, gestures during mass are important ways for us as Catholics to be drawn completely into worship, mind, body, and soul. Sometimes the gestures that we make are a little more self explanatory and sometimes there are deeper meanings that have been lost, perhaps because we can slip into making gestures out of ingrained repetition rather than intentional prayerful worship. Therefore, it is always good to reorient ourselves to the parts of mass and how and why we respond the way we do in word in action.

I know, I know, that was a long introduction, why don't I just get back to the question. In reference to this specific question about the penitential rite, the documents of the Catholic Church that describe the rubrics and actions of the Novus Ordo (New Order) mass; including the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM) and the 1970 Missal, do not prescribe a sign of the cross neither for the celebrant nor for the faithful, during the prayer of absolution at the end of the penitential rite.

Where does this action come from? In the 1962 Missal, the last missal used before the Second Vatican Council the Penitential Rite was longer and the closing prayer of that rite used these words said by the priest. (Of course, this part would have been in Latin, but this is the English translation.)

May Almighty God have mercy upon you, forgive you your sins, and bring you to life everlasting. Amen.

May the Almighty and merciful God grant us pardon, + absolution, and remission of our sins. Amen.

The little plus sign in the second prayer of absolution is a sign for the priest to make the sign of the cross, and thus some of the faithful in response made the sign of the cross with the priest. There are different theories as to why this second prayer and the sign of the cross were left out of the new Missal. Some said the prayer was repeating what had already been prayed. Some say that the sign of the cross caused the faithful to believe that this prayer of absolution had the same efficacy as in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and therefore it was suppressed. One thing is for certain and that is in the 1970 Missal (the one we use today) the presider is no longer directed to make the sign of the cross when closing this part of the mass.

Now, I know there is always another question. This question is "Does that mean we cannot do it?" I suppose there are a few questions we should ask ourselves here. Gestures, as I mention, draw us into worship. However, if they are not an action and prayer of the community, sometimes they can draw others away from prayer. If you've prayed this gesture at every mass your entire life then I'm not going to force you to drop it. (I will leave that up to the liturgist of the diocese.) If you are looking for the correct and current actions of prayer according to approved Church documents, then as I have stated, it is not a prescribed gesture. The most important thing is that we use this knowledge to enrich our prayer and not to bash or judge our brothers and sisters in Christ.

In Christ's Loving Service
Your Pastor,
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TO GIVE AN ANSWER



1 PETER 3:13-17

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Tithing: Your Gift to God

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

Collection for the week of Feb. 11	\$ 9,446
Faith Direct Collection for the week of Feb. 12	\$ 5,017
Weekly Collection to meet Fiscal Budget:	\$ 15,227
Fiscal Year Budgeted:	\$791,815
Collected Year to Date:	\$503,813

Feb. 18	Curt & Donna Dinkel & Laura Hertel
Feb. 25	Mark & Amanda Lang & Lucy Hutchison
March 4	Brad & Lisa Unrein & Danny Dinkel
March 11	Bill & Tiffany Weber & Jennifer Brown

Readings for Lenten Weekdays

Monday, February 19

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 / Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday, February 20

Is 55:10-11 / Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday, February 21 (St. Peter Damian)

Jon 3:1-10 / Lk 11:29-32

Thursday, February 22

(The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle)

1 Pt 5:1-4 / Mt 16:13-19

Friday, February 23 (St. Polycarp)

Ez 18:21-28 / Mt 5:20-26

Saturday, February 24

Dt 26:16-19 / Mt 5:43-48

Sunday, February 25

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 /

Rom 8:31b-34 / Mk 9:2-10

St. Nicholas of Myra will be hosting The Rite of Election of Catechumens for the Diocese. This celebration will be held Feb. 25, at 3pm. Musicians are needed. Musicians are also needed for our Holy Week and Easter celebrations. Contact Cheryl at snommusicdirector@gmail.com or call 785-650-1589.



Adoration Chapel needs someone to cover the hour of 9 to 10pm, on Thursdays. If interested please contact Bob Feauto at 628-1429.

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Masses, Intentions & Services

Sat. Feb. 17 5:00 p.m.	Pete, Lucida, Robert & Theresa Unrein Family
Sun. Feb. 18 9:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
11:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased of Don & Harriet Wasinger Family
Wed. Feb. 21 7:00 a.m.+	Lenora & Mary Lang, & Barbara Randa
Fri. Feb. 23 7:00 a.m.	Leo & Dorothy Schmidt & Family
Sat. Feb. 17 5:00 p.m.+	Martha Culbreath
Sun. Feb. 18 9:30 a.m.+	Steve & Aaron Pfannenstiel
11:00 a.m.	People of the Parish

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR Feb. 24 & 25

Saturday, 5:00 P.M. Mass

<u>EMHC</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Hospitality</u>
Andy Beck	Eileen Roberts #1	Neil Nickelson
Deacon	Marcia Dinkel #2	
Courtney Brady		<u>Sacristan</u>
Marilyn Gabel	<u>Altar Servers</u>	Glen Gabel
Stephanie Howie	Jake Brady	
Gracemary Melvin	Katie Dinkel	<u>Gift Bearers</u>
Mary Straub	Marissa Froelich	Shawn Richmeier

Sunday, 9:30 A.M. Mass

<u>EMHC</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Hospitality</u>
Joel Dreiling	Karen Moeder #1	Ryan Hagans
Deacon	Jessica Hoffman #2	<u>Sacristan</u>
Jim Krob		Andrea
Eric Moeder	<u>Altar Servers</u>	Carmichael
Cory Munsch	Hailey Klein	<u>Gift Bearers</u>
Pam Munsch	Hannah Klein	Garrett
Ramie Wasinger +	Bryce Wasinger	Pfannenstiel

Sunday, 11:00 A.M. Mass

<u>EMHC</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Hospitality</u>
Sarah Cain	Eileen Anderson #1	Brett Hemphill
Deacon	Hannah Keil #2	
Jayme Clark		<u>Sacristan</u>
Mary Hickman	<u>Altar Servers</u>	Austin Klaus
Rose McFarland	Elizabeth Bowles	
Monica Seib	Leah Cain	<u>Gift Bearers</u>
Bob Wasinger	Paris Wolf	Alan Kohl

Help is needed for all ministries for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter. Sign-up sheets will be available in the gathering space. Thank you!!

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Because of the continuation of a very serious cold & flu season, St. Nick's & St. Francis of Assisi (Munjor) will suspend the use of side chalices during all masses until the celebration of Holy

Thursday (Commemoration of the Last Supper of the Lord). Questions & concerns please call or e-mail Fr. Jarett at father.konrade@eaglecom.net or 785-628-1446.

STATIONS & BENEDICTION will be prayed on Friday evening, Feb. 23, 7pm.



2018 Heartland Parish Mission will be held on March 4, 5 and 6, at St. Nicholas Church, at 7pm. Speaker will be Fr. Gale Hammerschmidt.



EASTER FLOWERS: The Art and Environment committee of the parish invites you to make donations for Easter Flowers. Donations may be

made to the parish and put into the collection basket, left at the parish office or mailed. Please note EASTER FLOWERS on envelope. Thank you for helping create the beautiful worship space within St. Nicholas Church.

THE DIOCESAN CHRISM MASS will be celebrated on Thursday, March 22, at, Sacred Heart Cathedral, Salina beginning at 11:30am.



Lenten Material is available on a table in the gathering space. Please check it out!

Disposal of Old Palms

We will not burn palms at St. Nicholas this year. They can be disposed of by burying them in your yard or farmland.



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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 February topics:

Thursday, Feb. 22, 7pm
Living The Faith Session 2:
The Eucharist



St. Nicholas Ladies Guild Bingo and Raffle will be on March 18, starting at 1pm, in the parish hall. There will be many fun bingo prizes. Some prizes include a kindle fire and

an echo show. As always donations of bingo prizes are much appreciated. Hope to see you there!

Ladies Guild Meeting

Ladies of the Parish, we will meet on Monday, Feb. 19, in the church at 6:30pm, to recite the Stations of the Cross. The regular meeting begins at 7pm. We will have our pretty bag auction!!! You bring nothing (except your checkbook or cash) for an opportunity to bid on many little bags. Most contain very nice items, but a very few are ZONKS! All proceeds go to needy families. See you there for some prayer and fun! Please note time change. Call Jean at 625-9348 or Karen at 913-370-1133 for questions or a ride.

All Women of the Heartland Parishes are invited!

With Jesus, I'm Free to Be Me Catholic women's conference on Saturday, Feb. 24, from 8:30am to 3pm, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish. Pre-registration for \$20 by Feb. 14, or \$25 at the door. Download registration form at www.ihm-church.com return forms to 1805 Vine St. For more information call 785-625-7339.

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All moms are invited to join **Catholic Motherhood**, a group of Catholic moms representing the Heartland Parishes of Ellis County and beyond who support each other in our vocation as wives and mothers. Upcoming gathering will be held at 7:30pm, on Feb. 19. For details and location information, please call Mary at 785-621-2121.

"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, Feb. 20, 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



CPR Stay-in Alive Hands-Only 17th Annual

Sign up for FREE training, Saturday, March 3, 1 Session: 10am, at HaysMed Center for Health Improvement Gym, 2500 Canterbury Dr. Training is open to people 8 and older. To register, call Debbie McLaren at 1-800-248-0073 ext.5500 or 623-5500 or register on-line at www.haysmed.com/education/.

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



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One Body, One Spirit, One Eucharist - Salina's CDA Lenten Retreat with 3 dynamic professionals explaining how the Eucharist can give us the graces we need in life's journey. Catherine DiNuzzo, LPC, Beloit: Our emotional health matters to God so He gives us His Body. Dr. Christina Joy Mackie, Naturopath/Acupuncturist, Wichita: Learning how to open ourselves to the Holy Spirit & the Eucharist to grow as One Body in Christ. Dr. Amy Hogan, CFCMC, Salina. How the Theology of the Body & the Eucharist draws us to be One with Christ. March 3, from 9am to 3pm, at St Mary's parish hall, 230 E Cloud, Salina. \$25 women, \$10 for men, college or teens. An important topic for everyone desiring to understand True Happiness in life! RSVP by Feb 28, by calling 785-342-0130.

St. Mary's CYO will be hosting its Pan Fried Chicken Dinner on Sunday, Feb. 24. Buffet Style Dinner includes Pan Fried Chicken, Homemade mashed potatoes & Gravy, vegetable, coleslaw, dinner rolls and dessert. Will be serving from 10am until 1pm, or until sold out. Dinner is held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Ellis. Price is \$5.00 for kids 5 to 9 and 10 and above \$10.00. Everyone Welcome!

THAT MAN IS YOU ANNOUNCEMENTS

We have begun our spring semester of That Man is You. If you haven't joined us yet, you are not too late. We would love to see some new guys commit to joining us the spring. This would be a great thing to add for Lent this year! We meet at 6 to 6:55am on Friday Mornings!

CYO ANNOUNCEMENTS

Feb. 25 – Meeting

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

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SALINA DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS



From forming a new generation of priests or supporting our youth to become faithful leaders, the Catholic Community Annual Appeal makes diocesan ministry possible. Please make your gift to the Appeal. Join us ***“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another.”***

February Alert – Feb. 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

Matt Maher LIVE in concert, All Ages! The Cotillion Ballroom, Thursday, March 1. \$25/advance and \$30/door Tickets Online Now catholicfamilyconference.org Group tickets available, email: Mattmaherwichita@gmail.com

The Diocese of Salina will be having a Memorial Mass for mothers who have lost a child at any age, either before or after birth on Friday, May 11, at 10:30am, at Seven Dolors in Manhattan, KS. If you would like to participate in this Mass, please notify your parish office by March 26, and you will receive a personal invitation. Please submit your name, address, the name of the child, along with their birthday and year of death by March 26. If you would like to submit 1 or 2 photos of your child please scan and email them to wendy.backes@salinadiocese.org (please include their name, birthday and year of death). If you have any questions, please contact the Family Life Office at 785-827-8746.

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.



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.

FAITH FORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Feb. 21 – Class 6:15-7:15pm, Kennedy
Feb. 28 – Class 6:15-7:15pm, Kennedy
March 7 – Class 6:15-7:15pm, Kennedy

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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CATHOLIC SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy Family Elementary

-- **You can still support HFE** by recycling your aluminum cans in our trailer across the street North of the school/church in the small gravel parking lot, or by sending in boxtops! 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



-- **St. Thomas More Society** Did you know that the St. Thomas More Society (STMS) is one of the largest annual giving campaigns to the benefit of BOTH 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 **\$582,333.66** has been received or is pledged. The generosity to our schools is a blessing! But we are not there yet! As of Feb. 9, we are **\$167,666.34** 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

-- **State of Our Catholic Schools** Thank you to those who attended the State of Our Catholic Schools address on Feb. 5. We hope the evening was informative and inspirational. As a requirement for families enrolled in HFE or TMP-M, the makeup session for those whom were unable to attend will be Feb. 28, at 6:30pm, in the Dreiling Theater at TMP-Marian.

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-- **Monarch 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament.** Please join us for the Monarch 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament and Hotshot Contest on Saturday, March 17. The tournament will be held at Thomas More Prep-Marian, Holy Family Elementary and the former Kennedy Middle School. The tournament is limited to grades 3rd through 8th. The deadline for entry is Tuesday, March 13 and the fee is \$10.00 per player. Admission to the tournament (players excluded) is \$2.00 per person. Children 5 and under are free. Concessions will be available. Register online at www.tmp-m.org. For more information contact Rose McFarland at (785) 625-6577 or mcfarlandr@tmpmarian.org.

-- **Pre-Enrollment for New Students to TMP-Marian Jr/Sr High School.** Students who will be new to TMP-Marian Junior or Senior High School are invited to pre-enroll for the 2018-19 school year. Faculty and Administration will be on hand to visit with the students. Pre-Enrollment will take place on either Monday, Feb. 26, or Tuesday, Feb 27, from 3:30 until 6:30pm, in the Center for Research. Contact the office at (785) 625-6577 for more information.

-- **To access up to date information** for activities and events, please visit the webpage at www.tmp-m.org/calendar/

THE DAYS AHEAD

- Feb. 19** – Ladies Guild Meeting, 7pm
- Feb. 20** – Community Assistance Center Garage Sale 12th and Oak St., 8 to 11am
- Feb. 21** – Single and Beyond Food and Fellowship, Meet at Whiskey Creek Wood Fire Grill, 3203 Vine, 6pm
- Feb. 22** – RCIA, 6:30pm
- Feb. 23** – Stations/Benediction, 7pm
- Feb. 24** – Men of Myra, 7:30am
 - Rosary in the St. Nicholas Church, 4:30pm
- Feb. 25** – Rosary in the St. Nicholas Church, 9am

