

Sunday, November 11, 2018: Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

FR. JARETT'S CATHOLIC Q & A

Is it necessary for a left-handed person to use the right hand when making the sign of the cross?

Ah, yes, a question close to the heart of this left-handed priest. From past columns, you may have come to realize that I could not possibly give a short, concise, simple answer. I will separate this question into two parts. First, what is the sign of the cross? Then, what is the significance of right vs. left?

The cross has been found as an important religious symbol for Christians as early as a few decades after the death and resurrection of Jesus. There is evidence of a gesture form of the “sign of the cross” as early as the second century, although it would have been more like the sign performed with one’s thumb upon the forehead of the baptized at the beginning of the rite of baptism. Similar to today, this gesture would have been used as a prayer at the beginning of important events or as a form of blessing upon other members of the Christian community. Tertullian, an early theologian around the year 225, wrote this about the sign of the cross: “In all our actions, when we come in or go out, when we dress, when we wash, at our meals, before resting to sleep, we make on our forehead the Sign of the Cross. These practices are not commended to us by a formal law of Scripture, but tradition teaches them, custom confirms them and faith observes them.” This sign would have been performed quite frequently as a sign of witness of the Christian’s faith, as well as a call for the protection of Jesus Christ, often during times of temptation.

“When tempted, always reverently seal your forehead with the Sign of the Cross. For this sign of the Passion is a symbol openly combating the devil if you make it in faith, not in order that you may be seen by others, but consciously putting it forth like a shield” (St. Hippolytus, 236 A.D.).

We know that the form of the prayer connected to the sign of the cross and the physical action has shifted through various cultures and times. Today, while the form of crossing oneself with the right hand is the most widely used method, the sign also is used in Catholic liturgy a variety of ways. We know we cross our forehead, lips and hearts before the Gospel. The Liturgy of the hours, recited by priests, religious and lay people all over the world begins the morning office with a sign on the lips saying, “Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall declare your praise.”

What is the significance of left vs. right? There are several scripture passages that seem to glorify the position of the right. An example of this would be the separation of the sheep from the goats, where the sheep are placed on the right and the goats on the left, and then the sheep are praised and the goats condemned (Mt 25:33). Another reference of significance would be Jesus seated at the right hand of the Father after His ascension (1 Pt 3:22 and Rom 8:34).

Of course, any logical speculation would raise a few questions. “The Father is pure spirit and has no body, therefore He has no right hand!” and “If Jesus is on the right, then doesn’t that mean the Father is seated at the left hand of Jesus?” Nonetheless, the tradition of the Church has assigned the right hand as the appropriate hand to use for the sign of the cross out of a desire for uniformity, especially in liturgical action. Uniformity and consistency are some of the greatest qualities of the Catholic (meaning “universal”) Mass. Catholics can go anywhere in the world and can follow along because there is a set uniform ritual to the celebration of the liturgy. When we change the ritual out of individualism or for a fresh style, we actually are drawing away from the experience for many Catholics who are looking for that consistent form of worship.



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However, like holy water, the sign of the cross is a sacramental that is meant to dispose us to the grace received in the sacraments. If making the sign of the cross with our right hand is difficult or distracts us from full worship because of pain or inability to do it, then it is not fulfilling its purpose as a sacramental. For these reasons, it would be OK to perform the sign with the left hand. If our motivation is simply because we are left-handed or that we would rather be unique in our worship, then my advice for you might be, "Use your right hand."

Either way, the sign should be an action performed as a prayer to draw us deeper into the great mystery of the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross and the fact that our prayer is directed to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

In Christ's Loving Service
Your Pastor,
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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Titling: Your Gift to God

Fiscal Year: July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019

Collection for the week of Nov. 4	\$ 11,404
Weekly Collection to meet Fiscal Budget:	\$ 15,924
Fiscal Year Budgeted:	\$828,059
Collected Year to Date:	\$266,716

Nov. 11	Michael & Melissa Dick & Kerry Schuckman
Nov. 18	Derek & Vanessa Schumacher & Rebecca Brady
Nov. 25	Mike Morley, Tasha Werth, & Kathy Stenzel
Dec. 2	Clint & Marie Froelich & Nancy Duffy

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Masses, Intentions & Services

Sat. Nov. 10	5:00 p.m.+	George Unrein
Sun. Nov. 11	9:30 a.m.+	Steve & Aaron Pfannenstiel
	11:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
Wed. Nov. 14	7:00 a.m.+	Tom & Mildred Brungardt
Fri. Nov. 16	7:00 a.m.+	Clarence & Mildred Giebler
Sat. Nov. 17	5:00 p.m.+	LeRoy Richmeier
Sun. Nov. 18	9:30 a.m.+	James Jacobs
	11:00 a.m.	People of the Parish

Readings for Thirty-Second Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, November 12 (St. Josaphat)

Ti 1:1-9 / Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday, November 13 (St. Francis Xavier Cabrini)

Ti 2:1-8, 11-14 / Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday, November 14

Ti 3:1-7 / Lk 17:11-19

Thursday, November 15 (St. Albert the Great)

Phlm 7-20 / Lk 17:20-25

Friday, November 16 (St. Margaret of Scotland)

2 Jn 4-9 / Lk 17:26-37

Saturday, November 17 (St. Elizabeth of Hungary)

3 Jn 5-8 / Lk 18:1-8

Sunday, November 18

Dn 12:1-3 / Heb 10:11-14, 18 / Mk 13:24-32

Help is needed for all ministries for Thanksgiving & the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Sign-up sheets are available in the gathering space.

Thank you!!

The Sympathy of the St. Nicholas Parish is extended to the family of Imelda "Millie" Flax.



WE PRAY FOR Kyle Kirmer and Kaci Smith as they celebrated their Sacrament of Marriage on Friday, Nov. 9.

WE WELCOME IN BAPTISM

Kaleb Lee Kirmer, son of Kyle Kirmer & Kaci Smith. He was baptized on Thursday, Nov. 8.

Hudson Wayne Pray, son of Adam & Megan Pray. He will be baptized on Sunday, Nov. 11.



Advent candles sign-up sheet! Prior to the procession for mass we will have families/individuals light the Advent candles. A sign-up sheet will be available in the gathering space for anyone interested in this Stewardship opportunity.

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St. Nicks will be selling all the remaining metal folding chairs and racks. Now that we have the lighter newer chairs we need to make space. If you would like 1 or all 300 let us know. First come first serve. We are suggesting \$3 each or a free will donation. There are also 3 racks available for those who want them. **ALL proceeds will be going towards the new book holders for each pew.** There will be someone available after each mass on Nov 17 and 18, to help with the selling and loading of chairs. Please contact the parish office (628-1446) with questions or if you would like to schedule a different time for pick up.



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Ladies Guild will meet on Monday Nov, 19, at 7pm. We will begin with a rosary in the church at 6:45pm. We will be having a gourd decoration demonstration. Call Jean at 785-625-9348 or Karen at 913-370-1133 for questions or a ride. Child care provided. All ladies of the parish welcome!!

The Daughters of Isabella will remember their deceased sisters at a memorial mass on Tuesday, Nov. 13, at 5:30pm, at the Immaculate Heart of Mary church. A potluck will follow the mass for members and families of the deceased members at the Immaculate Heart Activity Center. Members are asked to bring a side dish for the potluck. A meeting for members will follow the potluck.

The Daughters of Isabella will be sponsoring a candy booth at the St. Joseph's Thanksgiving dinner on Sunday, Nov. 18. Members are asked to bring candy, breads, noodles or any other baked item to the Kennedy gym any time after 9:30am on Sunday morning. Please come check out our booth for some delicious sweets.

St. Ann's Altar Society, Liebenthal invites everyone to their Annual Thanksgiving Dinner at the St. Joseph's Catholic Church School Basement in Liebenthal. Turkey and all the fixings will be served on Sunday, Nov. 11, from 11am to 1pm. Adults are \$10 and children 4 - 8 yrs old are \$4.00. A raffle is also being held in conjunction with the event."

The Munjor Knights of Columbus are holding their annual stag on Tuesday Nov. 13, in the Unrein Building at the Ellis County fairgrounds. Social hour starts at 5pm and dinner at 7pm. Menu includes, pork fritters, smoked brats and all the trimmings. Raffle tickets available for prizes. All proceeds go towards Seminarian Fund. For tickets call David at 785-623-0094 or one of the Council Members. Tickets price \$12.00 (No tickets sold at the door.)



2019 CALENDARS are available in the gathering space. Please extend a thank you to Hyle and Ann Hugunin, and Kevin Kuhn Hays Memorial Chapel for making these calendars available for the Heartland Parishes of Ellis County.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR November 17 & 18

Saturday, 5:00 P.M. Mass

EMHC	Lectors	Hospitality
Stephanie Howie Deacon	Pam Dreiling #1 Gloria Mlinek #2	Robert Koerner
Andy Beck Aaron Brady	Altar Servers	Sacristan
Bryan Brady	Jake Brady	Zane Swartzman
Keith Dreiling	Abigail Filak	Gift Bearers
Alan Hoffman	Adelyn Wagner	Greg May
Cantor/s	Accompanist	
Contemporary Group	Angie Meagher	

Sunday, 9:30 A.M. Mass

EMHC	Lectors	Hospitality
Ruth Schumacher Iris Lang Vanessa Schumacher	Cory Munsch #1 Jamie Dreher #2	Dustin Dreher
Cody Marintzer Lisa Unrein	Altar Servers	Sacristan
Brad Unrein	Bradyn Dreher	Paul Kraus
Bob Wasinger +	Jace Dreher	Gift Bearers
Cantor/s	Brett Dreher	Matt Cook
Troy Herrman	Accompanist	
Alex Herrman	Kay Werth	

Sunday, 11:00 A.M. Mass

EMHC	Lectors	Hospitality
Stephanie Hagans Deacon	Jorge Vazquez #1 Patty Stull #2	Kevin Pasek
Jenni Leiker Melissa Schoepf	Altar Servers	Sacristan
Jan Stauth	Jacob Hemphill	Keith Schmidt
Peter Waldschmidt	Harlie Schmidt	Gift Bearers
Jenny Wittman	Damian Schmidt	Lori Krannawitter
Cantor/s	Accompanist	
Annie Wasinger Denise DeBoer	Paula Beck	

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St. Mary's CYO will be hosting its Pan Fried Chicken Dinner on Sunday, Nov. 18. 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!



Walk with a Doc is a walking program for everyone interested in taking steps for a healthier lifestyle. What better way to start your weekend than on your feet making strides to improve your general health? While you walk at your own pace, you'll have the opportunity to ask questions to a local physician. The first

Walk with a Doc Event will be held on Saturday, Nov. 17, at 9am, at the HaysMed Fitness trail (meet at shelter house behind HaysMed), 2500 Canterbury Dr., Hays. No registration required. For more information on this event and future dates please call The Center at 785-623-5900 or check out our website at www.haysmed.com/the-center.

"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 5:30pm, Wednesday, Nov. 14, at Old Chicago Pizza and Taproom, 383 Mopar Drive, 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.

Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas is seeking applicants to fill a full-time Office Manager / Financial Stabilization Advocate position for the Hays region. The position includes administrative functions and working with diverse populations to provide emergency financial assistance. Call the Hays office with inquiries at 785-625-2644 or send resumes to Jeanne Riedel at 122 E. 12th St., Hays, KS 67601 or by email at jriedel@ccnks.org. Resumes are currently under review and the position will remain open until filled. Employment will begin on Jan. 2, 2019.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Watch & Pray

Tune in to Divine Mercy Radio Nov. 27-30 for the KVDM Fall Care-a-Thon. *Chance to win prizes, play Catholic Trivia & hear from local guests* Here are guests of interest particularly for St. Nicholas of Myra. For a complete schedule go to dvmercy.com.

Tuesday, Nov. 27

8am – Cory Munsch & Shaun Linenberger – Ministries for Men

Wednesday, Nov. 28

7am – Bill Meagher – New Spiritual Programs at TMP-Marian

4 to 6pm – Richard Falcon – Suicide Prevention

Thursday, Nov. 29

7am – Chad Meitner – Update on TMP-Marian

7:30am – Troy Ruda – Legacy Giving

10am – Bishop Jerry Vincke –

Update from USCCB's Fall Conference

Friday, Nov. 30

7am – Cody Marintzer

12pm – Deacon Steve Urban –

Spiritual Warfare against Marriage

4 to 6pm – Straight Talk with Fr. Fred Gatschet

You can listen via:

1. 88.1 Radio
2. computer at dvmercy.com
3. smart phone app
4. Amazon Echo



RELIGIOUS ITEMS - If you or a family member have religious material such as statues, holy water bottles, rosaries, prayer books, and palms that you want to get rid of, but just can't throw

them away, bring them to the St. Joseph Parish Service Center and we will either offer them to people who would like them or dispose of them in a respectful manner.

If you are interested in training to be a Eucharistic Minister, sacristan, lector, or serving please contact Deacon Steve at urbs57@gmail.com or the parish office at 628-1446.



COFFEE & CONVERSATION – Nov. 18, after the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Hosted by the Building & Grounds Committee. Come join us!

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



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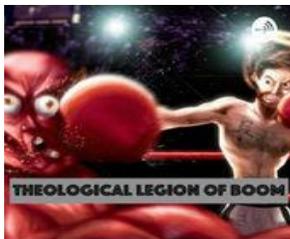
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ADULT EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENTS



NEW Season of the TLB Podcast Begins on Saturday Dec. 1
Catch up on the past season's episodes

iTunes--

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/theological-legion-of-boom/id1438323961?mt=2%20>

Youtube--

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyM0nRiseQ89sEileJs4JA?view_as=subscriber

Advent Retreat

Father Jarett Konrade, Bill Meagher, and Cody Marintzer will also be putting on an Advent Retreat December 2, 9, 16, and 23, from 6 to 7pm at St. Nicholas Church. The focus of the retreat is how to use the events of the Christmas Story to better our prayer life.

FAITH FORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Dates

Nov. 14 – Classes at Kennedy 6:15 to 7:15pm

Nov. 21 – No Classes

Nov. 28 – Classes at Kennedy 6:15 to 7:15pm

Jr. CYO & CYO ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jr CYO

Nov. 11 – Jr. CYO Meeting, 6:30pm, Parish Hall

Communication – To receive communication about upcoming events and other important information please subscribe to Jr. CYO's Remind Account—Text stnrj to 81010 to get signup today!

CYO

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YOUNG ADULT ANNOUNCEMENTS

The first **Theology by the Pint for Catholic Young Adults** will be at Thirsty's Bar & Grill on Sunday, Nov. 11, eat at 7pm, with discussion starting at 8pm.

SALINA DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS



Your Nov. 9 issue of **The Register** includes a donation envelope. We ask for your support in helping to send the diocesan newspaper twice a month to all registered families. Instead of selling subscriptions, we ask for a \$25 donation to cover printing and mailing costs. Please return your donation envelope as soon as possible with your contribution for 2016. If you don't have an envelope, you can mail your donation check to The Register, P.O. Box 1038, Salina, KS 67402, or you can contribute online at salinadiocese.org/the-register. Thank you for your support.

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SALINA DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

The 47th Annual March for Life will take place in Washington, D.C. on January 18, 2019. The Salina Diocese will sponsor a pilgrimage to attend this special event. In addition to the March, we will tour and attend Mass at the National Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, celebrate Mass with all four dioceses in Kansas, attend the Life is Very Good Youth Rally, visit Arlington National Cemetery, and visit the National Monuments and other sites in Washington, D.C. The trip will take place Jan. 16-20, 2019 with a base cost of \$350/person for the bus and hotel. This trip is open to all ages across our diocese and we strongly encourage our youth to attend. To register online or get more information visit the Respect Life page of the diocesan website www.salinadiocese.org/respect-life or contact Lindy Meyer at 785.614.0831 or respectlife@salinadiocese.org. A non-refundable \$50 deposit is due Sept. 30, 2018 with the final payment due Dec. 1, 2018. There is an option for those who cannot ride the bus but would like to fly to D.C. on their own and join us for the March and other activities. Anyone interested in this option should contact the Respect Life Office. Those who cannot attend but would like to support this trip are invited to make donations to help sponsor those who cannot afford the full registration cost. Checks may be made out to Salina Diocese Respect Life Office and mailed to PO Box 980, Salina, KS 67401, attention: March for Life.

November – Black Friday overshadows Thanksgiving as a shopping day but every day is a marketing opportunity for predators who shop globally on the internet. U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking – sistersagainsttrafficking.org

Jesus said he came to give us life to the full, do you know what that means? Do you want to learn exactly how to live it? Then don't miss Reboot! One evening regional event Wednesday, Nov. 14, from 7 to 9:30pm, at the Brown Grand Theater in Concordia, KS. For more information and to register: Call Lindy Meyer, at 785-614-0831 or visit: www.RealLifeCatholic.com HURRY! Get your tickets while you can!

THE DAYS AHEAD

- Nov. 12** – Stewardship Meeting, 5:30pm
– K of C Meeting, 7pm
- Nov. 13** – Sunday Scripture Session with Fr. Reggie, 6:30pm
- Nov. 15** – RCIA Meeting, 6:30pm
- Nov. 17** – Men of Myra, 7:30am
– Rosary in the St. Nicholas Church 4:30pm
- Nov. 18** – Rosary in the St. Nicholas Church, 9am

CATHOLIC SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy Family Elementary

-- **HFE Book Drive** Do you have books that your children have outgrown? HFE will be having a book drive during the month of November to rejuvenate and replenish our classroom libraries. Please consider donating your new or gently used children's books. Designated boxes will be located in front of the office and at local churches.



-- **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! Simply bring by a trash bag of them to drop off anytime! We still accept all Boxtops (check expiration dates!), and we take pulltabs/poptabs to donate to the Ronald McDonald houses of America. We no longer can take any labels for education as the program has ceased. Thanks for your continued support!



Thank you to those that bought Bierocks & Cookie Dough at our annual sale! Your help in funding the transportation budget is greatly appreciated. Please remember to pick-up orders

on Nov. 16, from 3 to 6 pm.