

Sunday, January 6, 2019: Epiphany of the Lord

FR. JARETT'S CATHOLIC Q & A

I heard that our new bishop is choosing a Vicar General, what does the Vicar General do?

Well, of course, everyone knows that the Vicar General is the leader, or some might say “general” of all the vicars of a particular diocese. Not satisfied? Okay, you asked for it, here is the canon law definition, and it’s not much more enlightening than the one I just made up. “In each diocese the diocesan bishop must appoint a vicar general who is provided with ordinary power according to the norm of the following canons and who is to assist him in the governance of the whole diocese. As a general rule, one vicar general is to be appointed unless the size of the diocese, the number of inhabitants, or other pastoral reasons suggest otherwise.” (Canon 475)



Let’s break it apart. The term vicar comes from the word vicarious, which means that any authority granted to this office is authority that comes from somewhere else, in this case, authority that comes vicariously through the office of bishop. Therefore, the vicar general has ordinary power of governance much like the bishop, but it is power that comes only through the bishop or in union with the bishop. For this reason the vicar general is called a “local ordinary,” which can be confusing because we have become accustomed to using this term for the bishop alone. Canon 480 says that the vicar general must always report to the diocesan bishop concerning how important affairs are handled and can “never act contrary to the intention and mind of the diocesan bishop.” Therefore, the vicar general is a local ordinary that can only act in union with “the” local ordinary, the bishop.

So, what does the vicar general do? According to canon 480, whatever the bishop wants. Well, not exactly, he’s not the bishop’s servant. The vicar general acts something like “second in command” when it comes to matters of executive governance in the diocese. Therefore, the bishop can assign him to handle certain matters regarding particular parishes or particular priests that normally a bishop might work with. Some have said, the vicar general is an individual who acts as the hands of the bishop enabling a much wider reach across an expansive diocese.

The qualifications of this position are, “A priest not less than thirty years old, doctors or licensed in canon law or theology or at least truly expert in these disciplines, and recommended by sound doctrine, integrity, prudence, and experience in handling matters.” (Canon 478). So, there you go. More than you ever wanted to know about the Vicar General.

In Christ’s Loving Service
Your Pastor,
Fr. Jarett (father.konrade@eaglecom.net)

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Tithing: Your Gift to God

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

Collection for the week of Dec. 30	\$ 35,609
Faith Direct Collection for the week of Dec. 24	\$ 13,777
Weekly Collection to meet Fiscal Budget:	\$ 15,924
Fiscal Year Budgeted:	\$828,059
Collected Year to Date:	\$419,441

The parish tithe for December went to St. Paul's Catholic Mission, First Call for Help, Hospice, and St. Joseph's Food Pantry.

- Jan. 6 Bill & Tiffany Weber & Jennifer Brown
- Jan. 13 Tim & Tina Zimmerman & Mike Morley
- Jan. 20 Scott & Terri Braun & Lisa Hess
- Jan. 27 Frank & Maureen Mindrup & Rebecca Brady

Readings for Christmas Weekdays

Monday, January 7 (St. Raymond of Penyafort)

1 Jn 3:22-4:6 / Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday, January 8

1 Jn 4:7-10 / Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday, January 9

1 Jn 4:11-18 / Mk 6:45-52

Thursday, January 10

1 Jn 4:19-5:4 / Lk 4:14-22a

Friday, January 11

1 Jn 5:5-13 / Lk 5:12-16

Saturday, January 12

1 Jn 5:14-21 / Jn 3:22-30

Sunday, January 13 (The Baptism of the Lord)

Is 40:1-5, 9-11 / Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7 /

Lk 3:15-16, 21-22



CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS WILL BE TAKEN DOWN on Sunday, Jan. 13, 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. Please notice date change!!!



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

Jim & Jo Hanks

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Masses, Intentions & Services

- Sat. Jan. 5 5:00 p.m. People of the Parish
- Sun. Jan. 6 9:30 a.m.+ Alfred & Adolph Honas
11:00 a.m. Leo & Dorothy Schmidt Family
- Wed. Jan. 9 7:00 a.m.+ Martin J. 'Matt' Staab
- Fri. Jan. 11 7:00 a.m. Vicki Rajewski
- Sat. Jan. 12 5:00 p.m.+ Wendelin 'Buddy', Alvera, Robert Dinges & Emily Gross
- Sun. Jan. 13 9:30 a.m.+ Wade Dreiling
11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR January 12 & 13

Saturday, 5:00 P.M. Mass

EMHC	Lectors	Hospitality
John Allen	Emily Reif #1	Scott Braun
Deacon	Gracemary Melvin #2	
Aaron Brady		Sacristan
Alan Hoffman	Altar Servers	Marilyn Gabel
Stephanie Howie	Adelyn Wagner	
Michael Reif	Jalynn Weilert	Gift Bearers
Mary Selensky	Jayleigh Weilert	Audra Watson
Cantor/s	Accompanist	
Caitlin Leiker	Judith Ofcarcik	
Geralyn Allen		

Sunday, 9:30 A.M. Mass

EMHC	Lectors	Hospitality
Connie Grant	Jamie Dreher #1	Sarah Smith
Deacon	Jessica Hoffman #2	
Dustin Dreher		Sacristan
Iris Lang	Altar Servers	Cory Munsch
Pam Munsch	Brett Dreher	Gift Bearers
Kelton Stecklein	Bradyn Dreher	Garrett
Ramie Wasinger+	Riley Dreher	Pfannenstiel
Cantor/s	Accompanist	
Trisha Penning	Judith Ofcarcik	
Jennie Kirk		

Sunday, 11:00 A.M. Mass

EMHC	Lectors	Hospitality
Jayne Inlow	Eileen Anderson #1	Adeline Viegra
Deacon	Patty Stull #2	
Sarah Cain		Sacristan
Jenni Leiker	Altar Servers	Sarah Cain
Rose McFarland	Leah Cain	
Laura Monroe	Avin Inlow	Gift Bearers
Monica Seib	Colton Viegra	Matt Woydziak
Cantor/s	Accompanist	
The Brull Family	Judith Ofcarcik	

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Many thanks for the lovely poinsettias. Contributing to our "Christmas Flower" Fund were: Rich & Deb Maska & Steve & Jenifer Riat Family (James & Martina Maska & Ralph & Pasty Jensen); Curt & Kaye Hoffman (Conrad & Kathyrn Hoffman); Kathleen Bittner (William Bittner & Marc Miller); Patrick & Stephanie Dechant; Don & Norma Weimer (Dreher & Weimer Families); Alan & Kay Hoffman (Deceased members of the families of Alan & Kay Hoffman); George & Juleen Stecklein (Julius & Catherine Schumacher & Jacob & Sophie Stecklein); Don & Phyllis Manhart (Elenora Holzmeister); George Lang (Lenora & Mary Lang & Barbara Randa); Dorothy Dechant (Alfred Dechant & Wade Dreiling); Diana Fisher (Ralph Fisher); Rex & Diane O'Brien (Reid O'Brien); Lillian Rohr (Julius Rohr & Jarrett Rome); Howard & Arlene Rome (Joe, Helen, & Sabrina Steckline, Pete & Rose Rome); Gloria Mlinek (Dave & Aylene Barrett & Robert & Lorene Pfannenstiel); Esther Wasinger (Edward & Gregory Wasinger); JoAnn Koerner (Herb 'Dutch' Koerner); Linda Wood; Jerry & Kathy Jacobs; Stan & Joyce Newell (Herman & Sophie Berens Family); Ann Ruder (Marcellus & Marcella Ruder);

THANK YOU to the children and adults who participated in the 5pm Christmas Eve pageant. **THANK YOU** to those who participated in the 5pm and Midnight Mass choirs. Your voices and other instruments were beautiful! May 2019 bring you blessings and joy! *Cheryl*



NOTE: Children's envelopes will not be given out to all the children this year. In order to save on expenses, the envelopes will be given to children that request them. Stop by the office and Ramona will assign a box of envelopes to you. Thank you!

The monthly Daughters of Isabella meeting will be held on Jan. 8, 7pm, in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Activity Center.

Adoration Chapel needs someone to cover the hours of 11am to 12pm, on Fridays and 11am to 12pm, on Sundays. If interested please contact Bob Feauto at 628-1429.

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Scripture Course on the New Testament

You are invited to participate in a course that Fr. Reggie Urban, a semi-retired priest of the Dodge City Diocese now living in Hays, will be teaching about the 27 books of the New Testament. The 9 classes will take place on Saturday mornings from 8:30 AM until 12 Noon beginning January 19th and going until March 16th at 17 different ITV (interactive TV) sites. Fr. Reggie will be presenting from St. Nicholas in Hays. You can take this course for 3 hours of college credit (\$150) or for enrichment (\$75). The cost does not include the textbook, An Introduction To The New Testament by Fr. Raymond Brown (\$25 for the abridged version or \$50 for the complete book). Brochures with an included sign-up form are available in the church entrance/narthex/parish office. Sign-up needs to take place by **Monday, Jan. 7**. Call Fr. Reggie (620-617-1403) in Hays or Colleen Stein (620-227-1538) at the Chancery in Dodge City if you have any questions or concerns. *This course is only taught ever 4 years.*

Pilgrimage to Greece

You are invited to travel to Greece and Ephesus (Turkey) with Fr. Reggie to make a 10-day pilgrimage in honor of St. Paul from Sept. 18-28, 2019. This will be complimentary to the significant amount of time spent on St. Paul in the New Testament course that Father Reggie is teaching in January, February, and March, although each of them is a separate experience. Registration is due on or before Feb. 19. Brochures with an included sign-up form are available in the church entrance/narthex/office. Call Fr. Reggie (620-617-1403), if you have any questions.

Knights of Columbus, St. Nicholas Council, has just formed a volunteer, outreach service called Knights of Service. Purpose: to offer hands-on service to St. Nicholas parish members (elderly, disabled/temporarily laid up, and veterans) in need. Assistance types: yard cleanup/tree trimming, gutter clean-out and other ladder work, light bulb/fixture detail, basic door/window fix-up, etc. Jobs requiring a city permit or trade license are not included. For information or to schedule assistance contact Grand Knight Justin Baalman or Bill Heimann, 623-4737.

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Senior Center Meal Site Did you know there is a Senior Center Meal Site in Hays that serves nutritional meals Monday – Friday? Those over 60 years of age pay a requested contribution of \$3.25 per meal. Guest under 60 must pay full cost of meal which is \$6.00 a plate. The meal site is located at 2450 E. 8th (in front of the Rose Garden Banquet Hall). Please make sure to call 785-628-6644 before 11:30am the day before to reserve a meal. Come out and join your friends or new ones!

Please help support the Hays High Chamber Singers by purchasing tickets in advance for the VFW Stars and Stripes Breakfast, Sunday, Jan. 13, from 7:30am to Noon, at the VFW in Hays. Adults are \$8.50 and Children 5-12 are \$3.50 (children under 5 are free). Raffle tickets will be sold the day of the event for prizes donated by local individuals and businesses. Contact Jodie Wear-Leiker at 785-639-3105 or email at jwcjwj@gmail.com to get your tickets or for more information. Tickets must be purchased in advance to benefit the HHS Chamber Singers.

The new Pictorial Directories are available. They are free to all families that had photos taken or submitted. If you did not have a picture taken, but would still like one, you can purchase one for \$5 in the parish office.

Winter Spirituality: New Beginnings Presenters: Pat Eichner, CSJ & Janet Lander, CSJ What in your life needs a new beginning? The day will explore the heart stance of beginning anew with self, God and others. Start out the New Year with a day of prayer and reflection. Saturday, 9am to 3:30pm. Cost: \$50 (includes lunch). Information: Manna House of Prayer, P.O. Box 675, Concordia, KS 66901 or 785-243-4428. Registration deadline: Jan. 16.

Soup Luncheon Sunday, Jan. 27, 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.

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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, Jan. 26, 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.

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 We appreciate our continued supporters and look forward to seeing you at our table the 2nd weekend of each month!



SAVE THE DATE!

Heartland Catholic Women's Conference

REAL

Daughters of God

March 23, 2019

at Immaculate Heart of Mary in Hays

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**Parishioners Helping Parishioners
Because God created and
instructed**

us to serve one another:

Purpose: to raise awareness of St. Nicholas parish families who are going through difficult times

Donations: Will be distributed anonymously at the discretion of Fr. Jarett to a St. Nicholas family in need.

Suggestions: Because it is sometimes difficult to identify those in need, it is essential that members of St. Nicholas of Myra assist in this process. We ask that our entire parish community contribute in making us aware of persons in need.

**Please utilize this "Parishioner Helping Parishioner" lock box for both donations and suggestions of those who may appreciate receiving an anonymous donation. **Contact Gracemary Melvin, Evangelization Commission social awareness chair, (785-259-6251).



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.

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



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FAITH FORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Dates

- Jan. 9** – Classes at Kennedy 6:15 to 7:15pm
- Jan. 16** – Classes at Kennedy 6:15 to 7:15pm
- Jan. 23** – Classes at Kennedy 6:15 to 7:15pm

THE DAYS AHEAD

- Jan. 8** – Community Assistance Center Garage Sale 12th & Oak St. 8 to 11am
- Jan. 10** – Finance Council Meeting, noon
- Jan. 12** – Men of Myra, 7:30am
– Rosary in the St. Nicholas Church 4:30pm
- Jan. 13** – Rosary in the St. Nicholas Church, 9am
– Christmas Decorations will be taken down, 1pm



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SALINA DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Are you interested in meeting Jesus at a deeper level? Come join us at St. Edward's Parish, Belleville, KS on Saturday, March 16, 2019, 9am. to 4:30pm., where you will recognize Christ in your experience, and use the tools you receive through this encounter with Christ to reach out and share your faith with others.

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.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy Family Elementary



-- **Holy Family Elementary** would like to express our deep appreciation to the parishioners for your support of our school through prayer, volunteering, and financial support. We continue to work toward maintaining excellence in our academic instruction, responding the social-emotional needs, and inspiring the faith formation of the future of the parish community. May you all be abundantly blessed for the many sacrifices made for the ministry of our school.

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



CATHOLIC SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS



-- This winter the **TMP-M Biology Club** will be doing a **blanket drive**. The collected blankets will be split between Catholic Charities and First Call for Help. A box is located in the gathering space until Jan. 15.

Dear Hays Catholic Families,
As many of you know stewardship is a large part of what makes our church community function. You also may be aware that Thomas More Prep-Marian welcomes many international students each school year. To make it possible for these students to attend, TMP-M has partnered with NACEL Open Door to provide safe, stable host families. NACEL's host families offer a home to young men and women who would like to study abroad, learn about American culture and live within a family unit. TMP-M feels it is in the best interest of the school and the community to find host families within our Catholic Church community. We can look for housing outside of our community but would prefer that it comes from within. If you have been searching for a way to serve your church community this is an awesome opportunity, not only to evangelize our faith but to put forth your stewardship to the church. Hosting an international student is considered a large gift to the school thus relieving some of the burden on the church. By becoming a host family you offer your stewardship, not only to our finances but also to the diversity of our community. **TMP-M is in immediate need of a Host Family for a student arriving this coming Spring semester. This young man is from Korea. He will be a senior, so your commitment will only be for one semester. He is Christian, speaks English, is a very good student, and wishes to graduate from an American school. He has most recently attended the Academy of Math and Science at FHSU so is familiar with Hays. His wish is to experience an American family before he is finished with school.** If you would be interested in hosting this school year please contact either Chad Meitner, Principal @ 785-621-5415, meitnerc@tmpmarian.org or Amy Wasinger, NACEL Open Door Representative, (785) 623-0287, awasinger@team.nacelopendoor.org