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FR. JARETT'S CATHOLIC Q & A

How does someone know for sure whether God is calling them to priesthood, religious life, or married life?

Imagine shopping for a car without having any idea of what you are looking for. First, you are going to need to realize that this may take some time. If you have no idea what model or make of car you are looking for then it is important that you don't rush out and place a down payment on the first thing you see. Secondly, you need to get up and look around; you cannot expect the car to just show up in your driveway. Thus, it is a necessity that you check out different dealerships or car lots with different styles of cars, maybe even test drive a few makes and models. Lastly, after you have spent some time looking, being patient, at some point you will come across a car that seems to fit, it meets your needs, you feel comfortable with it. Okay, so it may be a weak analogy, but it brings out the three "p's" of knowing one's vocation. Patience, Picture, and Peace.



Most of us in our modern world grow up knowing only one vocation; marriage. It is the vocation of our parents our grandparents, and most of our aunts and uncles. If we are never exposed to the happiness of another vocation, it's logical that we would not feel comfortable being anything but married. If you never rode in anything but a truck growing up, you would naturally be drawn to own a truck as an adult. Unless, every truck that you rode in as a child broke down every other week, you might then be drawn to a car. Similarly, if our experience of marriage as a child is negative, we might naturally be pushed away from marriage, which is not a good reason to move towards religious life. We should not become a priest because of a bad experience of parenting, any more than someone should get married because they are turned off by the idea of religious life.

We should choose a vocation because we feel that is where God is calling us. Bringing us back to the original question, "How do we know where God is calling us?" First and foremost, we need to accept that our vocation will be shown to us according to God's time and not our own. "Patience." Secondly, we need to have a vision of what happiness might look like in each of the vocations. This can only truly occur by meeting individuals who are happy in their vocations; married, single and religious. This gives us a vivid "Picture." Lastly, once we have had an experience of individuals happy in each vocation, we will find that through prayer and discernment one of these "pictures" will bring us a deep sense of "peace." Almost every person who speaks of God calling them to a particular vocation will speak of how coming to that decision brought them a profound "peace."

Sometimes people ask me if it is possible to be happy in the wrong vocation? I answer them, yes you can experience happiness in the wrong vocation. However true joy, which comes from the peace of following God's will, comes only to those who say yes to that particular call. Like his call to Elijah outside the cave, God does not present Himself to us with lightning, or thunder, or earthquakes and heavy winds, but most commonly in a tiny whisper. Thus, at times we must be quiet and we must train ourselves to listen for that call.

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 March 24	\$ 11,499
Faith Direct Collection for the week of March 22	\$ 13,322
Weekly Collection to meet Fiscal Budget:	\$ 15,924
Fiscal Year Budgeted:	\$828,059
Collected Year to Date:	\$624,556

March 31 Tim & Tina Zimmerman & Mike Morley
 April 7 Scott & Terri Braun & Lisa Hess
 April 14 Frank & Maureen Mindrup &
 Rebecca Brady
 April 21 Roger, Ramona, & Raeleann Weigel

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR April 6 & 7

Saturday, 5:00 P.M. Mass

EMHC	Lectors	Hospitality
John Allen	Bernice Kaiser #1	Scott Brown
Deacon	Marvin Kaiser #2	
Bryan Brady		Sacristan
Courtney Brady	Altar Servers	Glen Gabel
Marilyn Gabel	Jake Brady	
Jo Good	Jalynn Weilert	Gift Bearers
Alan Hoffman	Jayleigh Weilert	Shawn Richmeier
Cantor/s	Accompanist	

Sunday, 9:30 A.M. Mass

EMHC	Lectors	Hospitality
Bill Meagher	Jamie Dreher #1	Neil Klaus
Deacon	Karen Moeder #2	
Dustin Dreher		Sacristan
Eric Moeder	Altar Servers	Bill Weber
Ruth Schumacher	Brett Dreher	Gift Bearers
Kelton Stecklein	Jace Dreher	Ruben
Nolan Allen +	Riley Dreher	Schuckman
Cantor/s	Accompanist	

Sunday, 11:00 A.M. Mass

EMHC	Lectors	Hospitality
Stephanie Hagans	Jorge Vazquez #1	Joseph Monroe
Deacon	Patty Stull #2	
Sarah Cain		Sacristan
Jayne Inlow	Altar Servers	Austin Klaus
Laura Monroe	Jessica Leiker	
Jan Stauth	Nathan Leiker	Gift Bearers
Bob Wasinger	Colton Viegra	John Hertel
Cantor/s	Accompanist	

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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Masses, Intentions & Services

Sat. March 30 5:00 p.m.+ James & Marian Rajewski
 Sun. March 31 9:30 a.m.+ Richard F. & Betty Dechant
 11:00 a.m. People of the Parish
 Wed. April 3 7:00 a.m.+ Al & Lucy Hertel
 Fri. April 5 7:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of Harold & Daryl Haselhorst Family
 Sat. April 6 5:00 p.m. People of the Parish
 Sun. April 7 9:30 a.m.+ Lenora & Mary Lang & Barbara Randa
 11:00 a.m.+ Deltha Legleiter

Readings for Lenten Weekdays

Monday, April 1

Is 65:17-21 / Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday, April 2 (St. Francis of Paola)

Ez 47:1-9, 12 / Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday, April 3

Is 49:8-15 / Jn 5:17-30

Thursday, April 4 (St. Isidore of Seville)

Ex 32:7-14 / Jn 5:31-47

Friday, April 5 (St. Vincent Ferrer)

Wis 2:1a, 12-22 / Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday, April 6

Jer 11:18-20 / Jn 7:40-53

Sunday, April 7

Is 43:16-21 / Phil 3:8-14 / Jn 8:1-11

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats

You are called by name. If you are struggling with your abortion decision come and see what Jesus has prepared for you. Give yourself His "gift" of a retreat weekend.

Healing and grace are awaiting you on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat.

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 one weekend at a time*

Next retreat: May 17-19
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 rachelsvineyard@salinadiocese.org
 Confidential

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STATIONS & BENEDICTION will be prayed on Friday evening, April 5, 7pm.
Confession 6 to 6:45pm



12 Hr Friday Adoration – Friday, April 5, St. Nick's will be hosting a 12 hr period of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Sign-Up sheet will be available for the 12 – 1 hr. slots each week, which will begin after Friday 7am Mass and continue until 7pm Stations of the Cross throughout Lent.

Summons – Thursday, April 4, from 7 to 8:15pm, join us at St. Nick's Church for an evening of Prayer & Praise including Praise Music and Lectio Divina (Praying with the Bible). Try something new this Lent, bring your bible, and join us.

Summit – Join Fr. Jarett Konrade, Patrick & Cassandra Prediger and guests for an hour of answering basic questions and misconceptions about the Catholic Faith on Thursday Nights at 8:30pm. The series will be available live on Facebook (Fr. Jarett's Page) or will later be posted to the St. Nicholas of Myra Facebook Page.



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.

Volunteers are needed to sing with the choir for Holy Thursday and Easter Vigil. Please contact Cheryl via voicemail in the parish office at 628-1446, or email at snommusicdirector@gmail.com. Come "stretch" with us!

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

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



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This week, we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to help Jesus in disguise. This collection helps six Catholic agencies provide relief and support to struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.



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

*Emily Bennigsdorf;
Robert Hageman;
Melia Korbe;
Chad Maneth;
Austin & Sarah Powers & Family;
Patrick & Cassandra Prediger & Family;
Nathan Rohr & Tiffanie Thiede*

Adoration Chapel needs someone to cover the hour of 12 to 1pm, on Sundays. If interested please contact Bob Feauto at 628-1429.



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!

COFFEE & CONVERSATION – April 7, after the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Hosted by the Religious Education Committee. Come join us!



"The Miracle of Father Kapaun" Emil Kapaun spent his life as a priest, soldier, and Korean War hero. He was awarded Posthumously the Medal of Honor and is also being considered by the Vatican for canonization as a saint. Join us for a presentation by award-winning reporter and master story teller, Roy Wenzl. The presentation will be on April 20, at 2pm, at the Schmidt Gallery in the Hays Public Library.

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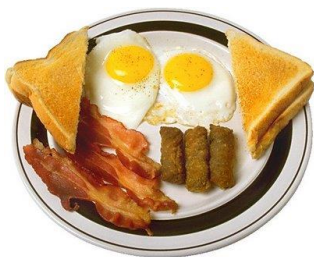
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St. Mary's CYO will be hosting its Pan Fried Chicken Dinner on Sunday, March 31. Buffet Style Dinner includes Pan Fried Chicken, Homemade mashed potatoes & Gravy, vegetable, coleslaw, dinner rolls and dessert. Will be serving from 10am until 1pm, or 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!

Please save the date for the Victoria K of C Fish Fries for the 2019 year. The date is April 5, at the VFW Hall. Serving will begin at 5pm. Please come and support our charitable causes. Thank you!

Munjoy K of C Fish Fry on Friday April 12, from 5 to 7pm, at Parish Hall Munjoy. Free will offering accepted. Everyone welcome to attend.

St. Mary's Parish in Ellis has RESCHEDULED their 6th Annual Valentine's Dance for Saturday, April 6, in the *NEW* remodeled St. Mary's School Gym! It is a great night out and a way to support our parish. Come and enjoy a nice dinner, music, and dancing! If you are not a dancer, come anyway to enjoy the meal and entertainment by Jimmy Dee & the Fabulous Destinations. Tickets are available now for \$25.00 at St. Mary's Parish Office and Divine Mercy Radio in Hays. ***MUST BE 21 & Older to ATTEND!!!*** This year there is a Raffle being held with (2) prizes to giveaway!! Raffle Tickets are 2 for \$5.00, 6 for \$10.00. **FIRST PRIZE** (no need to be present) - 7" Samsung Galaxy Tablet. **SECOND PRIZE** (need to be present at the dance) - 50/50 Raffle!!! So be sure to buy your chance at these prizes whether or not you plan to attend the dance, you still have a chance to win! They are available at the same outlets. Ticket Outlets -- St. Mary's Church Parish Office -- Divine Mercy Radio -- Hays



Daughter of Isabella are sponsoring the Stars and Stripes Breakfast, Sunday, April 14, from 7:30am to noon at the VFW-Hays. Tickets are Adults \$8.50, Children \$3.50 in advance. Tickets

must be purchased in advance to benefit the organization. For tickets call: Marie-785-625-6041 or Patty-785-625-7786.

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Divine Mercy Sunday The Divine Mercy Prayer Service will be held at 3pm, Sunday, April 28, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. The hour will include Eucharistic Exposition, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy in song, litany of prayers and meditation. Jesus entrusted Saint Maria Faustina with the task of spreading the message of his

Divine Mercy through a series of visions and interior locutions in the 1930s. When Pope John Paul II canonized Saint Faustina April 30, 2000, he declared the Sunday after Easter to be Divine Mercy Sunday and an official feast day of the Church. *Everyone is encouraged to pray the novena to the Divine Mercy, which begins on Good Friday. Leaflets on this novena are in the brochure rack of the church. CONFESSIONS WILL BE HEARD BEGINNING AT 2pm.* This prayer service is sponsored by Divine Mercy Radio, KVDM, 88.1.

"NAMI-HAYS" (National Alliance on Mental Illness) NAMI Hays Affiliate is the point of contact for the public for information, referrals and support. The Center offers support for people with mental illness and their family and friends. On April 1, the Education Workshop: *"Trauma Informed Care: What, How and Why"*, Presenter: Josh Tanguay, LMLP, Clinical Associates. All will gather at 6:30 to 8pm, at the Center for Life Experience, INC, 205 E. 7th St., Suite 257 (Hadley Center) Hays. For information contact Ann Leiker at 785-259-6859 or email cfle1@eaglecom.net To reserve for childcare call 785-259-6859

"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 gathering will be morning of April 2, from 10 to 11:45am, on Tuesday, at Center for Life Experience, INC, 205 E. 7th St., Suite 257, (Hadley Center) Hays, followed by lunch (12Noon) at *JD's Chicken - 740 E. 8th St., Hays.* For information, contact Ann Leiker at 785-259-6859 or email cfle1@eaglecom.net To reserve for childcare call 785-259-6859

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There will be a bake sale on Sunday morning April 7, before and after the two Masses. The proceeds from this sale will benefit the St. Peter Missionaries (Mark & Avry St. Peter and their four children) serving in Gonaives, Haiti. Mark (son of Mary Mellick) is a former parishioner of St. Nicholas. If you wish to bake something, that would be wonderful; if you wish to make a purchase, stop by the table on Sunday morning, April 7. Prayers are always welcome to support them in their work; working conditions aren't always convenient. Any donation or questions are directed to Mary Mellick, 2524 Henry Dr., 785-628-8896, swt7kity@gmail.com

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



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THE DAYS AHEAD

- April 2** – Sunday Scripture Session with Fr. Reggie, 6:30pm
- April 4** – RCIA Meeting, 6:30pm
– Summons, 7pm
- April 5** – Adoration 7am to 7pm
– Confession 6 to 6:45pm
– Stations/Benediction, 7pm
- April 6** – Men of Myra, 7:30am
– Rosary in the St. Nicholas Church 4:30pm
- April 7** – Rosary in the St. Nicholas Church, 9am

SALINA DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL – CALL TO SHARE

The 2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal is off to a great start. This year's themes, "Call to Share" along with the scripture verse "**Behold, how good it is, and how pleasant, where humanity dwells as one**" from Psalm 133:1, inspire us to support the many and diverse ministries of the diocese by sharing the gifts we have received from God. Together as one, we can do so much more than we can individually. Your leadership is key to this appeal's success. Thank you for promoting this very important appeal.

The Office of Family Life will be hosting a

Memorial Mass for those who have lost a child at any age, either before or after birth on Thursday, May 9, at 10:30am, at St. Mary, Queen of Angels Parish, Russell, KS. If you would like to participate in this Mass, please call the Office of Family Life 785-827-8746 #24. 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.

2019 RURAL LIFE DAY will be held in the West Deanery this year. It will be on Sunday afternoon, Aug. 18. We will meet at St. Frances Cabrini parish in Hoxie, KS. Rural Life Day features the presenting of the Msgr. John George Weber Century Farm Awards for families owning or farming their farm for more than 100 years. Qualified families from anywhere in the Diocese may apply, but especially families in the West Deanery are encouraged to apply for the award. Application forms and instructions are found on the Diocesan Web Site (www.salinadiocese.org) under "Offices" and then under "Rural Life".

March – Child sex trafficking is a growing concern across urban, suburban and rural communities in the U.S. It transcends racial, ethnic, gender, and socio-economic boundaries. Learn what is happening in your community, in your state. US Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking. VISIT: sistersagainsttrafficking.org

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Listening Session

In the March 29 issue of the *Register*, the Salina Diocese and the Capuchin O.F.M.'s released their lists of clergy who have served within the Salina Diocese and have substantiated allegations of abuse of minors. Following the release of names, Bishop Jerry Vincke and Fr. Christopher Popravak, O.F.M. are hosting a Listening Session on April 2, 2019 at 7:00PM at St. Nicholas of Myra Parish in Hays, KS. All parishioners are invited to attend. Bishop Vincke and Fr. Popravak hope to answer any questions or concerns you might have. You can also submit questions online at pledgetoheal@salinadiocese.org. Additionally, the Listening Session will be recorded and posted to the Salina Diocese website at a later date.

Report Abuse – Message from Bishop Vincke

The recent crisis within the Church has caused pain and heartache for all people. To anyone who has ever been a victim of abuse, I offer my deepest apologies. I pray that you and your family may experience healing and peace. If you, or someone you know, has ever been abused by a member of the clergy, *please* report the abuse. I strongly encourage you to reach out to law enforcement and the Diocese of Salina to report any incident of abuse.

Kansas Protection Report Center: 1-800-922-5330

KBI: 1-800-KSCRIME or ClergyAbuse@kbi.ks.gov
Diocese of Salina: 785-825-0865 or
reportabuse@salinadiocese.org
www.salinadiocese.org/safety-security

CATHOLIC SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- **Holy Family Elementary** currently has **openings** for the upcoming 19-20 school year in our afternoon Preschool (PB) and 2nd grade! The afternoon Preschool session runs from 12:10 to 3:10p.m. Monday through Thursday. PB students are also able to attend After School Care up until 6pm. Please contact the school if you have any questions or are interested in signing your child up!



--**Holy Family Elementary** is in need of substitutes for teachers and paras for the current school year. If you would be interested in being added to our substitute list, please contact the office at 785-625-3131. Thank you!

-- **You can support HFE** by recycling your aluminum cans in our trailer across the street North of the school/church in the small gravel parking lot on 19th! Simply bring by a trash bag of them to drop off anytime! We still accept all Boxtops (check expiration dates), and we take pulltabs to donate to the Ronald McDonald houses of America. We no longer take old batteries or Labels for Education as the program has ended. Thanks for your continued support!

St. Thomas More Society (STMS)

Did you know that the STMS funds more than just typical operations of the Catholic schools? It also makes possible opportunities for TMP-Marian students to learn how to apply their faith in day-to-day life situations through *Faith Thursday* and Holy Family students to live the virtues in their interactions with others through *Virtue Based Restorative Discipline*. The STMS is nothing typical! It funds the



enrichment of the Catholic school offering. By June 30, 2019, the STMS is called upon to fund \$700,000 into the annual budget of our Catholic schools. Your prayers and financial support are greatly appreciated.

Received/pledged as of 3/25/2019: \$595,224.63

Amount needed by 6/30/2019: \$104,775.37

Percentage of short of goal: 14.97%

Contact Troy Ruda in the Advancement office to contribute to the STMS or donate online at tmp-m.org/donate

CYO ANNOUNCEMENTS



CYO Enchilada Sales! Back by popular demand. St. Nick's CYO will be selling their famous enchiladas. \$8.00 for a half dozen or \$16 for a full dozen! Contact a

CYO member or Joe & Emily Roth at 785-735-8183 or 785-259-8593 to put in your order. All orders must be in by April 7, and paid in full. Enchiladas will be delivered after April 28.