

Sunday, April 21, 2019: Easter Sunday

FR. JARETT'S CATHOLIC Q & A

In case you missed it, Easter Vigil Homily?

In 1999, in Littleton Colorado, Columbine High School, two high school boys came to school one morning and shot and killed 12 of their classmates and a teacher, and wounded many more...and the darkness spread. In 2001, in New York City, terrorists hijacked two commercial airliners and flew them into the World Trade Center towers causing them to collapse, killing around 3,000 people...and the darkness spread. In 2007, at Virginia Tech., one college man walked into a dormitory and a classroom building and shot and killed 32 of his classmates and wounded many more...and the darkness spread. Just last year, at a political gathering in Arizona a man shot and killed six.



Each one of us knows very well that every day, every week, every year, we can open a newspaper, or turn on the evening news and witness in every state in the country in every nation in the world the darkness spreading. It can be terrifying, disheartening, discouraging. I am a Catholic priest and sometimes I find myself in the midst of the darkness wondering, is it really doing any good? Are we losing the battle? Are we really having any positive effect? Is there any hope for our world?

Last year, at the end of the Easter Vigil I was greeted by some friends and they teased me because for about 75% of the entire liturgy, I had a huge smile on my face. Why? They thought I must have been poking fun at one of the lectors or making faces to someone in the congregation, when in fact I was smiling because I had been taken in by the most hope filled awe inspiring liturgy of the entire year.

We gather in darkness, symbolic of the fear, the pain, the tomb, except for a small light, a fire in the middle of the room. And the fire is blessed and the fire spreads... Later, the fire, the Easter candle representing Jesus Christ is placed in the water, blessing the water, and the water spreads... A few moments after that we bring out the oil, and those who have been washed in the water are strengthened in the Spirit as the oil spreads... Finally, all those present who have received the fire, have been washed in the water, strengthened by the oil, then approach the altar, the table of the Lord to receive the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist...and the Eucharist spreads... Like an infection the Eucharist spreads throughout our bodies empowering us to go out and in response, infect the world with the light of Jesus Christ.

We gathered in darkness, and sometimes throughout the year, the darkness can become overwhelming, but on this night we are reminded that by the power of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ the darkness is destroyed. And hope spreads...

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

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tithing: Your Gift to God

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

Collection for the week of April 14	\$ 12,859
Faith Direct Collection for the week of April 11	\$ 11,505
Weekly Collection to meet Fiscal Budget:	\$ 15,924
Fiscal Year Budgeted:	\$828,059
Collected Year to Date:	\$668,148

April 21 Roger, Ramona, & Raeleann Weigel
 April 28 Jared & Ashley Bauck & Kathy Stenzel
 May 5 Jerry & Marilyn Luetters, Derek & Vanessa Schumacher, & Courtney Brady
 May 12 Clint & Marie Froelich & Tammy Dreiling

Readings for Days in the Octave of Easter

Monday, April 22

Acts 2:14, 22-33 / Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday, April 23

Acts 2:36-41 / Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday, April 24

Acts 3:1-10 / Lk 24:13-35

Thursday, April 25

Acts 3:11-26 / Lk 24:35-48

Friday, April 26

Acts 4:1-12 / Jn 21:1-14

Saturday, April 27

Acts 4:13-21 / Mk 16:9-15

Sunday, April 28 (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

Acts 5:12-16 / Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19 / Jn 20:19-31

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Masses, Intentions & Services

Holy Sat.	April 20 8:30 p.m.	People of the Parish
Easter Sun.	April 21 9:30 a.m.+	Frank & Millie Flax 11:30 a.m.+ Eddie & Fidelia Honas
Wed.	April 24 7:00 a.m.+	Luella Schumacher
Fri.	April 26 7:00 a.m.+	Brian Gross
Sat.	April 27 5:00 p.m.+	Richard & Ann Arnhold
Sun.	April 28 9:30 a.m.+	Wade Dreiling 11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR April 27 & 28

Saturday, 5:00 P.M. Mass

EMHC	Lectors	Hospitality
John Allen	Tammy Dreiling #1	Trisha Penning
Deacon	Keith Dreiling #2	Victor Winter
Whitney Ford		Sacristan
Gracemary Melvin	Altar Servers	Marilyn Gabel
Emily Reif	Lily Garrison	
Michael Reif	Gannon Winter	Gift Bearers
Mary Selensky	Kassidy Winter	Alan Hoffman
Cantor/s	Accompanist	
Denise DeBoer	Kay Werth	
Jennie Kirk		

Sunday, 9:30 A.M. Mass

EMHC	Lectors	Hospitality
Kelton Stecklein	Bill Heimann #1	Rodney Rippe
Deacon	Jessica Hoffman #2	
Gerilyn Allen		Sacristan
Connie Grant	Altar Servers	Neil Klaus
Jim Krob	Lane DeWald	
Joyce Newell	Breckan DeWald	Gift Bearers
Nolan Allen +	Carter Werth	Tyler Brungardt
Cantor/s & Accompanist		
Ralph Thummel		

Sunday, 11:00 A.M. Mass

EMHC	Lectors	Hospitality
Bryan Brady	1st Communion #1	Jayne DeMont
Deacon	1st Communion #2	
Whitney Ford		Sacristan
Pat Lang	Altar Servers	Austin Klaus
LeRoy Lang	Leah Cain	
Iris Lang	Thomas Meagher	Gift Bearers
Bill Meagher	Landon Summers	1st Communion
Cantor/s	Accompanist	
Annie Wasinger	Angie Meagher	
Matea Gregg		

Have a Happy Easter!

Easter Vigil is Saturday, April 20, at 8:30pm. Our parish has seven candidates preparing for Profession of Faith, Confirmation, and Eucharist. They are Emily Bennigsdorf, Nolan Billings, Shelly Gasper, Natalie Oborny, Terry Chesney, Anthony Fox and Lacie Clarke. Please remember them in your prayers and welcome them into our community of faith.

The Parish Office will be closed Easter Monday.



WE WELCOME IN BAPTISM

Riggs Lee Higdon, son of Kiowa & Shelby Higdon. He will be baptized on Sunday, April 21.

The Sympathy of the St. Nicholas Parish is extended to the families of Keith "Skeeter" Gottschalk and Arlen Polifka.

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Next week, we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Right now, over 40% of dioceses in the United States are considered mission territory because they are unable to fund essential pastoral work in their communities. Your support of this appeal eases the struggle of these dioceses. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. Find more information at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

Daughters of Isabella Circle 254 will observe Queen Isabella Day by attending the 5:45pm Mass at Catholic Campus Center on Tuesday, April 23.



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.

Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas

will be conducting their 8th Annual Baby Bottle Campaign. Bottles can be picked up here at church the weekend of May 4 & 5 and returned the weekend of June 22 & 23. Your contribution supports: Pregnancy Services That Include Emergency Assistance, Counseling Support, Adoption Guidance. All money stays local and helps people who need our services the most. Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas – serving those of ALL faiths for 60 years!



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By His Wounds We are Healed

Tune in to Divine Mercy Radio Apr. 30 – May 3 for the KVDM Spring 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, April 30

7 a.m. - Fr. Fred Gatschet

9 a.m. - Rachel Wentling

2 p.m. - Fr. Jarett Konrade

Wednesday, May 1

7 a.m. - Bill Meagher

Thursday, May 2

7 a.m. - Cody Marintzer

8 a.m. – Cory Munsch

10 a.m. - Bishop Jerry Vincke

Friday, May 3

7 a.m. - David Zachman

4 – 6 p.m. - Straight Talk with Fr. Fred Gatschet
(Call in with questions 785-621-5061)

You can listen via:

1. Radio @ 88.1FM
2. Online at dvmercy.com
3. Phone app
4. Amazon Echo
5. YouTube (search Divine Mercy Radio)

Crownpoint Mission

Our Crownpoint Ministry is in need of monetary donations to offset the fuel cost for the trucks. Thank you!

Adoration Chapel needs someone to cover the hours of 7 to 8am, on Sundays; 12 to 1pm, on Sundays; and 6 to 7am, Wednesdays. If interested please contact Bob Feauto at 628-1429.

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Rachel's Vineyard Retreats

When we remember and mourn our losses, we free our souls to move beyond the pain. Come to a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat and remember, mourn, and be set free.

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St. Joseph Food Pantry

-Location to place your food items - Non-perishable food items as well as medium sized boxes may be brought to the parish school building, formerly Kennedy, doors 25 & 26, near the gym, from 8am to 3pm, Monday through Friday.

- Item of the month - FRUITS, canned, all varieties are welcome!

- Medium size boxes are also needed.

- Monetary donations can be sent through the weekend collection, left at the Parish Service Center or you may donate on line by going to

<https://stjchurch.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunitiesSt.JosephFoodPantry>

- To volunteer to help at the St. Joseph Food Pantry contact Renee Michaud at 785-628-8434 or michauds@ruraltel.net

The Sunflower Polka Club is hosting a two day Polka event. Featuring the Famous Julie Lee Band, including Wes Windholz Band. This event is on Saturday, April 27, from 1 to 9:30pm, and Sunday, April 28, with a Polka Mass at 11:30am, with Fr. Earl. Julie Lee Band will play from 1 to 5pm, at St. Michael's Parish Hall, LaCrosse.

St. Mary's CYO will be hosting its Pan Fried Chicken Dinner on Sunday, April 28. 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, 1013 Washington St., Ellis. Price is \$5.00 for kids 5 to 9 and 10 and above \$10.00. Everyone Welcome!

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"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 have a "Brown Bag" dinner at 5:45pm, followed by a meeting on Wednesday, April 24, at the Center for Life Experience, Inc, 205 E. 7th St., Suite 257 (Hadley Center) Hays, KS. For information, contact Ann Leiker at 785-259-6859 or email cfl1@eaglecom.net. To reserve for childcare call 785-259-6859.



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, April 27, 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.

St. Nicholas K of C Council 10044 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.

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!

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FAITH FORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Dates

April 24 – Closing Mass at St. Nicholas Church

Youth Sacramental Prep Information

1st Holy Communion

April 27 – 1st Communion Practice
9am, at St. Nicholas Church

April 28 – 1st Communion
11am Mass, at St. Nicholas Church

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.

THE DAYS AHEAD

April 22 – Evangelization Meeting, 7pm

April 23 – Pastoral Council Meeting, 7pm
– Sunday Scripture Session with
Fr. Reggie, 6:30pm

April 25 – Finance Council Meeting, 7pm

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



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SALINA DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL – CALL TO SHARE

The people in our diocese continue to respond generously to the 2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal. 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, is inspiring many to support the diverse ministries of the diocese. As this is typed, over \$998,000 has been pledged or received toward our \$1.4 million goal. This is great news, but we need to finish this out.

April – Do you know your state laws to combat human trafficking? Are local law enforcement personnel knowledgeable about human trafficking so that they can be effective resources? U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking. Website: sistersagainsttrafficking.org.

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".



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SALINA DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Diocesan Men's Conference, Aug. 10 - The Diocese of Salina is sponsoring the Eighth Annual Diocesan Men's Conference on Saturday, August 10th at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Hays. Please attend and bring your sons who are of junior high or high school age. Speakers will be Pete Burak and Peter Herbeck. Pete Burak is the Director of a Catholic outreach seeking to form young adults into intentional disciples of Jesus Christ called i.d. 9:16. He is also Co-director of Pine Hills Boys Camp in Michigan. He is a 2010 graduate of Franciscan University of Steubenville and former University of Michigan basketball player. Peter Herbeck is the vice president and director of missions for Renewal Ministries. He has been actively involved in evangelization and Catholic renewal throughout the US, Canada, Africa, and Eastern Europe for more than thirty years. Peter is a co-host for the weekly EWTN television programs *The Choices We Face* and *Crossing the Goal*. He also hosts the daily radio show *Fire on the Earth*. To register online or for more information go to www.salinadiocese.org/family-life or call 785-827-8746.

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 Box-tops, but please check the expiration dates! We can give your pulltabs to HHS for the Ronald McDonald Houses of America! Thanks for your continued support!

CATHOLIC SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

YOU TOOK MY PARKING SPACE AT CHURCH



You Took My Parking Space at Church

This should wake us up.

One day, a man went to visit a church. He got there early, parked his car, and got out. Another car pulled up near the driver got out and said, "I always park there! You took my place!" The visitor went inside for Sunday School, found an empty seat, and sat down. A young lady from the church approached him and stated, "That's my seat! You took my place!" The visitor was somewhat distressed by this rude welcome, but said nothing.

After Sunday School, the visitor went into the sanctuary and sat down. Another member walked up to him and said, "That's where I always sit! You took my place!" The visitor was even more troubled by this treatment, but still said nothing.

Later as the congregation was praying for Christ to dwell among them, the visitor stood up, and his appearance began to change. Horrible scars became visible on his hands and on his sandaled feet. Someone from the congregation noticed him and called out, "What happened to you?"

The visitor replied, as his hat became a crown of thorns, and a tear fell from his eye, "I took your place!"