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FR. JARETT'S CATHOLIC Q & A

What is Apologetics?

Sometimes the best way to define something is to first understand what it is not.

I once had a Catholic professor who didn't like apologetics because he perceived it to be a "defense" of the Catholic faith, and he didn't believe the Catholic Church needed to be defended, (and certainly not by some punk college student) as though the Church cannot defend herself, as she has done for 2000 years. In some sense he was correct. Jesus tells us in scripture that the gates of hell shall never prevail against His Church, we can be confident of that; however apologetics is not acting as a defender of the Church for the Church's sake. Rather, it is learning to defend the faith of the Church, for our own benefit, for the benefit of our fellow Catholics, as well as for the good of those who would attack or even ask sincere questions about the Church.



Apologetics is not apologizing for being Catholic, even though we can tend towards that, especially in the sacrificial seasons of the Liturgical year. "Oh, I guess we are going to have to change our Friday lunch plans, since Jon 'the Catholic' is coming along."

Lastly, apologetics is not simply something for recent Protestant converts to do in order to make a living in the Catholic Church.

No, apologetics is fulfilling the command of St. Peter, when he wrote in his first letter, "Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope, but do it with gentleness and reverence." Apologetics is giving a reasoned explanation for your Catholic faith.

Is it important? Extremely. I am sure almost all of us know a Catholic who left the Church because they were unable to answer some of the most basic questions about the Catholic faith. Often, we as Catholic have not been prepared to answer common objections from our Protestant brothers and sisters about Catholic practice and doctrine, and are therefore filled with doubt in the truth of the Catholic Church.

Aren't priests responsible to teach more apologetics? Yes, and so are you. The Second Vatican Council in its Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity said, "This sacred Synod earnestly exhorts laymen and women, each according to his natural gifts and learning, to be more diligent in doing their part to explain and defend Christian principles." That is apologetics; and we are all responsible to do it. Obviously not all of us are to teach classes in the diocese or at our parish, but at least at home with our children and grandchildren.

So often, Catholics have been taught or learned through experience the "what," but are unable to explain "why" we do what we do, or believe what we believe.

Would you be able to explain to a fellow Catholic or a Protestant brother or sister about the biblical foundations for intercessory prayer through the saints? Or why priests are called Father? Would you have the knowledge to pose a question to a Protestant brother or sister why they believe the Bible to be the only source of authority? Or why they don't pray for the dead as St. Paul did?

If the answer is no, then let us pray and discern how God is desiring to lead us to first be students and then apologists in our homes, in our parishes, or maybe even in our diocese.

If you are interested in learning more about these types of questions, please contact me for a list of resources.

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 April 21	\$ 12,614
Faith Direct Collection for the week of April 19	\$ 13,977
Weekly Collection to meet Fiscal Budget:	\$ 15,924
Fiscal Year Budgeted:	\$828,059
Collected Year to Date:	\$694,739

April 28 Jared & Ashley Bauck & Kathy Stenzel
 May 5 Jerry & Marilyn Luetters, Derek & Vanessa Schumacher, & Courtney Brady
 May 12 Clint & Marie Froelich & Tammy Dreiling
 May 19 Neil & Sondra Klaus & Tasha Werth

Readings for Days in the Octave of Easter Monday, April 29 (St. Catherine of Siena)

Acts 4:23-31 / Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday, April 30 (St. Pius V)

Acts 4:32-37 / Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday, May 1 (St. Joseph the Worker)

Acts 5:17-26 / Jn 3:16-21

Thursday, May 2 (St. Athanasius)

Acts 5:27-33 / Jn 3:31-36

Friday, May 3 (SS. Phillip and James)

1 Cor 15:1-8 / Jn 14:6-14

Saturday, May 4

Acts 6:1-7 / Jn 16:16-21

Sunday, May 5

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/ Rv 5:11-14 /
Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

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Masses, Intentions & Services

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
 Wed. May 1 7:00 a.m.+ James Jacobs
 Fri. May 3 7:00 a.m.+ Bentley Scoby
 Sat. May 4 5:00 p.m. People of the Parish
 Sun. May 5 9:30 a.m.+ Steve & Aaron Pfannenstiel
 11:00 a.m.+ Wilfred "Fritz" Legleiter

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR May 4 & 5

Saturday, 5:00 P.M. Mass

EMHC Andy Beck Deacon Terri Braun Scott Braun Stephanie Howie Tamra Leiker Zane Swartzman	Lectors Jo Good #1 Thelma Nickelson #2 Altar Servers Abigail Filak Caden Riat Adelyn Wagner Accompanist Paula Beck	Hospitality Robert Koerner #2 Sacristan Tasha Werth Gift Bearers Scott Crawford
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Sunday, 9:30 A.M. Mass

EMHC Paul Kraus Deacon Deb Kraus Jim Krob Mandy Meagher Pam Munsch Ramie Wasinger +	Lectors Tim Zimmerman #1 Joe Mindrup #2 Altar Servers Braxton Fritzl Hailey Klein Hannah Klein Accompanist Judith Ofcarcik	Hospitality Jerry Luetters Sacristan Cory Munsch Gift Bearers Kirk Klen
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Sunday, 11:00 A.M. Mass

EMHC Deborah Schmidtberger Deacon Jayme Clark Stephanie Hagans Janet Kohn Leon Legleiter Peter Waldschmidt	Lectors Mark Cain #1 Eileen Anderson #2 Altar Servers Harlie Schmidt Damian Schmidt Kamryn Summers Accompanist Judith Ofcarcik	Hospitality Becky Meagher #2 Sacristan Keith Schmidt Gift Bearers Jessica Lang
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*Happy Birthday
to
Fr. Jarett!!!
Celebrated on
May 1st*

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WE WELCOME IN BAPTISM

Adam Patrick Brady, son of Aaron & Rebecca Brady. He will be baptized on Saturday, April 27.

Brody John Brady, son of Kelly & Victoria Brady. He will be baptized on Saturday, April 27.



Thanks for Easter Flowers



Our church and gathering space are gloriously beautiful; thanks to the contributions we received to buy Easter flowers. We are indebted to: George Lang (Lenora and Mary Lang and Barbara Randa); Glen &

Marilyn Gabel (Joe & Martina Zimmerman and Don Gabel Sr., Charles Thomas Families); John & Karen Smith (Marian Dorzweiler and Rose Smith); Stan and Joyce Newell (Newell and Berens Families); Kathleen Bittner (William Bittner); JoAnn Koerner (Herb "Dutch" Koerner); Howard & Arlene Rome (Joe, Helen & Sabrina Steckline and Pete & Rose Rome); Linda Wood; Daniel and Linda Basgall (Bill Dinkel and Daniel Massey); Rich & Deb Maska and Steve and Jenifer Riat Family (James & Martina Maska and Ralph & Pat Jensen); Denise DeBoer; Mildred Walters (Delbert Walters); Don and Norma Weimer (Deceased Members of Dreher and Weimer Families); Henrietta Haselhorst (Harold and Daryl Haselhorst); Dianna Koerner (Joe Koerner); Gloria Mlinek (James Wagner); Ann Ruder (Marcellus & Marcella Ruder); Dorothy Dechant (Alfred Dechant & Wade Dreiling); Kathleen Richmeier (LeRoy Richmeier); Rex & Diane O'Brien (Reid O'Brien); Esther Wasinger (Edward & Greg Wasinger); and Carmella Thyfault.

THANK YOU AND EASTER BLESSINGS to all of you who helped to make our Triduum and Easter Masses so beautiful. The Art and Environment Committee provided a prayer filled environment. The musicians, choir and cantors provided welcomed Glorias and Alleluias which filled the air. We also appreciate the help of all who volunteer to serve as Lectors, Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion, Hospitality, and lastly to you the people of St. Nicholas for your faithfulness and participation. May the Lord bless you all in his resurrected glory.



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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.

Italy Pilgrimage Informational Meeting

There will be an informational meeting in regard to a Pilgrimage to Italy in the summer of 2020. The meeting will be on May 7, at 7pm, in the conference room at St. Joseph Parish office in Hays, Kansas. Fr. Pete Meis will be the spiritual leader for the pilgrimage. Some of the places that will be visited will be San Giovanni Rotondo to visit the shrine of St Padre Pio, the sanctuary of St Michael, Rome including St Peter's Basilica as well as other major basilicas, a Papal Audience, the Colosseum, Assisi and St. Francis, and Florence and the Accademia Gallery to see Michelangelo's David. This will be a very inspiring pilgrimage. There are still a few spaces available. Contact Jeanne Riedel at 785-639-5043 or email jeanne@travelooza.com with any questions.

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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2019 Graduates Mass
Sunday, May 13, at the 9:30am
Mass. Join us in sending them on
with Blessings and
Congratulations!



Kaleigh Ashbaugh – HHS
Brett Bowles – HHS
Jagyrd Briney – HHS
Paul Brull – TMP
Kaitlyn Burd – TMP
Kayle Casper – TMP
Maci Fisher – HHS
Madison Foss – TMP
Hayden Giebler – HHS
Kaleb Hagans – TMP
Alexandra Herrman – TMP
Bryce Hickman – TMP
Brandon Hoffman – HHS
Avin Inlow – TMP
Ryan Karlin – TMP
Ashton Klaus – HHS
Trevor Mai – HHS
Jared Mayers – TMP
Braiden Meyers – HHS
Augustine Obour – HHS
Lindsey Pfannenstiel – HHS
Shyann Schumacher – HHS
Justus Schwarz – HHS
Jackson Stanton – HHS
Joshua Stecklein – TMP
Bryce Wasinger – TMP
Sheldon Weber – TMP
Sydney Winter - HHS
Paris Wolf – TMP
Nicholas Zimmerman - HHS

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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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)

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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FAITH FORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Eucharist

The celebration of First Eucharist takes place at the 11am Mass this Sunday April 15. Congratulations to the following children as they receive the Body and Blood of Christ for the first time with their St. Nicholas Parish family:



Myles Archer	Josie Brady
Parker Brooks	Hayden Brown
Chloe Crawford	Claire Decker
Maggie Downing	Emmitt Dreiling
Camden Ford	Ryan Giebler
Ella Hartman	Landon Johnston
Ashlen Lang	MacKenzie Karst
Kasen Kuhn	Taylyn May
Andrew Meagher	Killian Norris
Kinzley Norris	Gianna Offutt
Laken Pasek	Kam Pfannenstiel
Kale Pfannenstiel	Kolter Pfannenstiel
Rylan Pfeifer	Rafe Richmeier
Peyton Salley	Kobe Schmidt
Kade Simon	Kyson Ziegler
Mason Zimmerman	

A special thank you to Alex Zimmerman, Julien Illow, Jennie Helget, and Christy Dinkel for teaching the classes and sharing their faith with our students!

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!



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, May 18, 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.

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 30 – Sunday Scripture Session with Fr. Reggie, 6:30pm

May 1 – RCIA Meeting, 6:30pm

May 4 – Men of Myra, 7:30am
– Rosary in the St. Nicholas Church
4:30pm

May 5 – Rosary in the St. Nicholas Church, 9am

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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".

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!



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