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FR. JARETT'S CATHOLIC Q & A

How well connected are you to the vine, that is Jesus Christ and His Church?

In the words of the Apostle John from his first letter, "Children, love not in words or speech, but in deeds and truth." (1 Jn. 3:18) In other words, "Talk is cheap." One of the most common critiques of Catholics is that we frequently can be seen in Church on Saturday evening or Sunday morning professing with our lips what we believe, but when we walk out the doors of Church, our deeds don't seem to communicate the same message?



In other words, what does it mean for you personally, when you hear the words of Jesus in the Gospel of John Chapter 15, "I am the vine and you are the branches. He who remains in me will bear good fruit." How well connected are you to the vine? I am afraid that many Catholics aren't as strongly connected to Jesus Christ the vine as we might think. If Jesus is the vine and we are the branches, then sin is the wind and hail that slashes at the heart of our connection to Him.

Take sloth for example; and not physical sloth, but rather spiritual sloth. How many of us spend our weeks spending up so much of our energy? We get exhausted with our relationships, we get exhausted with work, and we get exhausted with chasing our children or grandchildren around to every possible sport and/or activity. When we walk into church on Sunday how much do we have left? Or do we find ourselves slain in the spirit of distraction, turmoil, and sloth?

How about pride, anger, and envy. How much do we allow the possessions and perceptions of others to cloud our satisfaction with the life God has given us? If only I were better looking; if only I had more hair; (okay, maybe that's just me) if only I had a better phone, TV, diet, etc. These images become the hailstones that tear at our connection to God.

Greed; and I'm not just talking about money. Greed can become the desire to have control of every aspect of our lives. Take family planning for example. Contraception can become the greed of wanting children on my time, according to my desires, according to my plans. Abortion sadly becomes the next step in the process of controlling my body and my family as I desire, in order to fulfill my plans.

Lastly, we come to gluttony and lust. These are the natural, essential desires for food and companionship that get twisted and become monsters that take dominion over our daily pursuit of fulfillment. Addiction to alcohol, drugs, pornography, even tobacco and caffeine can turn our bodies into screaming children demanding satisfaction. When our bodies are screaming at us it becomes almost impossible to hear the small, still voice of God in our lives.

These elements of sin can begin to hack at the roots of our connection to Jesus Christ. What are we to do? Praise God for the wisdom of the heavenly vine-grower. As any good gardener, He waters us with the grace of the sacraments. The waters of baptism cleanse and strengthen our roots, strengthening our bond to the vine. In the confessional, we present our hacked and broken selves to be grafted back into full relationship with the vine. And what branch can grow without exposure to the light of the sun? Scientifically, I cannot explain to you exactly how photosynthesis works; how plants are nourished by exposure to the sun. Neither can I fully explain why basking in the light of the presence of our Lord in the Eucharist can strengthen us. I simply know that it does. A plant deprived of sunlight will perish, and so too will the spiritual self of one who avoids Jesus Christ in this most holy sacrament. Sadly, so many Catholics are wilting and shriveling because we have chosen the false light or even darkness of the world over the light of Jesus Christ.

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Finally, when we decide to follow God's plan with faith what will happen? The vine-grower will grab a pair of clippers and begin cutting us to pieces. The Gospel says that those who are faithful will be pruned. I'm reminded of the words of St. Theresa of Avila in the face of this painful pruning, "Lord, if this is the way you treat your friends, it is no wonder you have so few." Once again in the divine wisdom of the vine-grower, we realize that the pruning, the cutting away of all that is unnecessary, this carrying of our cross with Jesus that we are strengthened and only then able to bear good fruit.

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

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tithing: Your Gift to God

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

Collection for the week of May 12	\$ 8,731
Faith Direct Collection for the week of May 13	\$ 11,760
Weekly Collection to meet Fiscal Budget:	\$ 15,924
Fiscal Year Budgeted:	\$828,059
Collected Year to Date:	\$740,238

May 19 Neil & Sondra Klaus & Tasha Werth
May 26 Curt & Donna Dinkel & Jennifer Riat
June 2 Mark & Amanda Lang & Lucy Hutchison
June 9 Brad & Lisa Unrein & Danny Dinkel

Readings for Days in the Octave of Easter Monday, May 20 (St. Bernadine of Sierna)

Acts 14:5-18 / Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday, May 21

(St. Christopher Magallanes and Companions)

Acts 14:19-28 / Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday, May 22 (St. Rita of Cascia)

Acts 15:1-6 / Jn 15:1-8

Thursday, May 23

Acts 15:7-21 / Jn 15:9-11

Friday, May 24

Acts 15:22-31 / Jn 15:12-17

Saturday, May 25 (St. Bede the Venerable)

Acts 16:1-10 / Jn 15:18-21

Sunday, May 26

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 / Rv 21:10-14, 22-23 /
Jn 14:23-29

Crownpoint Mission

Our Crownpoint Ministry is in need of monetary donations to offset the fuel cost for the trucks. Thank you! Also, a driver is needed to help drive the trucks to Crownpoint. If you are interested in driving, please contact Ernie & Darlene at 628-6351.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Masses, Intentions & Services

- Sat. May 18 5:00 p.m.+ Wendelin "Buddy", Alvera, Robert Dinges & Emily Gross
- Sun. May 19 9:30 a.m. People of the Parish
11:00 a.m. + Keith Fieler
- Wed. May 22 7:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of Aloysius & Betty Schmidt Family
- Fri. May 24 7:00 a.m.+ Jim Charbonneau
- Sat. May 25 5:00 p.m.+ Clayton & Carolyn Engel
- Sun. May 26 9:30 a.m.+ James & Marian Rajewski
11:00 a.m. People of the Parish



WE WELCOME IN BAPTISM

Ella Grace Smith, daughter of Joshua & Sarah Smith. She was baptized on Sunday, May 12.

Summer Parish Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday: 8am to noon – 1 to 4pm
Friday: 8am to noon

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MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR May 25 & 26

Saturday, 5:00 P.M. Mass

EMHC	Lectors	Hospitality
Celina Beilman Deacon	Gloria Mlinek #1 Eileen Roberts #2	Kyle Normandin
Tammy Dreiling Marilyn Gabel	Altar Servers	Sacristan
Jo Good	Kennedy Normandin	Jessica Normandin
Alan Hoffman	Dakota Normandin	Gift Bearers
Tamra Leiker	Carter Normandin	Jared Bauck

Cantor/s & Accompanist

Cheryl Glassman

Sunday, 9:30 A.M. Mass

EMHC	Lectors	Hospitality
Sharon Campbell Deacon	Marvin Kaiser #1 Bill Heimann #2	John Lang
Bernice Kaiser Mary Mellick	Altar Servers	Sacristan
Brad Unrein	Breckan DeWald	Neil Klaus
Lisa Unrein	Jacob Hemphill	Gift Bearers
Bob Wasinger +	Carter Werth	Amy Mayo

Cantor/s & Accompanist

Ralph Thummel

Sunday, 11:00 A.M. Mass

EMHC	Lectors	Hospitality
Eileen Anderson Deacon	Hannah Keil #1 Patty Stull #2	Ryan Hagans
Stephanie Hagans Janet Kohl	Altar Servers	Sacristan
Leon Legleiter	Keiarra Gonzales	Jenni Leiker
Monica Seib	Nathan Leiker	Gift Bearers
Jorge Vazquez	Jessica Leiker	Alan Kohl

Cantor/s & Accompanist

Contemporary Group

Ladies Guild Mother's Day Tea

will be held on Monday, May 20, starting with a prayer service in the church at 6:30pm, followed by tea and desserts in the hall. Please feel free to invite your mothers, daughters, or granddaughters. RSVP a number attending to Kathy Rome at 785-259-1456 or kjrome@gmail.com by Friday, May 19.



The Daughters of Isabella annual Mass will be on June 2, 10am, at the Immaculate Heart of Mary church. A breakfast will follow for members and their guests at Whiskey Creek. Contact Diane Waldschmidt at 625-5004 or Judy Flax at 628-6577 for reservations. Deadline for reservations is May 24th.

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Summons – Thursday, May 23, 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).

Adoration Chapel needs someone to cover the hours of 12 to 1pm, on Sundays; and 10 to 11pm, on Saturdays. If interested please contact Bob Feauto at 628-1429.

2019 Ellis County Relay For Life invites ALL survivors, care givers, family, friends, and neighbors to Rockin' The Bricks on June 7, from 6:30 to 11pm, Downtown Hays Pavilion at 10th & Main. Free Elvis Concert. For more information call 785-623-1971 or 785-623-9553 or www.RelayForLife.org/EllisCoKS.

St. Joseph's Knights of Columbus Council #1325 is sponsoring their annual fundraiser – 31 Days of Cash Giveaway from July 1 to July 31. A \$25 donation per ticket and only 400 tickets will be sold. One ticket will be drawn every day in July. Winners will be notified daily. Every ticket will be included in all 31 separate drawings. You could win multiple times! The Cash payouts are as follows: July 1-28 will be \$125 each day; July 29 will be \$250; July 30 will be \$350; July 31 will be \$1,500. Please contact Irvin Leiker at 785-628-1984 or Roger Rife at 785-623-1852 for your tickets. Tickets are also available at the St. Joseph Parish Office.

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.

The Good Samaritan Society in Hays is looking for volunteers (on occasion or regular volunteers) to help call bingo, play music, play board games, play cards, or just come and sit and talk with our residents. If interested, contact Natalie Morris at 785-625-7331 or email nmorris2@good-sam.com

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“Healing After Loss” 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 will eat dinner at 5:30pm, Tuesday, May 21, at Thrifty’s Bar & Grill, 2704 Vine St., Hays. They will then gather at 7pm, at Center for Life Experience, 205 E. 7th St., Suite 257 (Hadley Center) Hays. For information, contact Ann Leiker at 785-259-6859 or email cfl1@eaglecom.net. To reserve for childcare call 785-259-6859.

“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 meeting Wednesday, May 22, at Center for Life Experience, 205 E. 7th St., Suite 257 (Hadley Center), Hays. For information, contact Ann Leiker at 785-259-6859 or email cfl1@eaglecom.net. To reserve for childcare call 785-259-6859.

“Healing Hearts” – Avenue of Pinwheels invites you to their annual Avenue of Pinwheels “Honoring Our Children’s Lives” Thursday, May 23, at 6:30 to 8:30pm at Mt. Allen Cemetery in the children’s area. Refreshments and fellowship to follow sharing our “Love Stories” at Center of Life Experience, 205 E. 7th St. Suite 257 (Hadley Center) Hays. For information, contact Ann Leiker at 785-259-6859 or email cfl1@eaglecom.net. To reserve for childcare call 785-259-6859.

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!



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



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).**

Please check out our Website at

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



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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>

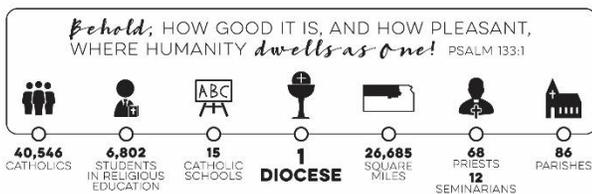
- To volunteer to help at the St. Joseph Food Pantry contact Renee Michaud at 785-628-8434 or michauds@ruraltel.net

SALINA DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

May – Human Traffickers prey on people who are hoping for a better life, lack employment opportunities, have an unstable home life, or have a history of sexual and physical abuse. Learn more about this evil. US Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking. VISIT: sistersagainsttrafficking.org.

Catholic Men of the Salina Diocese, join us for our Eighth Annual Salina Diocese Men's Conference, Aug. 10, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Hays. If you have sons who are in Junior High, High School or older, please bring them. Pete Burak and Peter Herbeck are this year's speakers. Pete Burak is a 2010 graduate of Franciscan University of Steubenville (FUS). He engages young people with stories from his youth, high school experiences, his two years with the University of Michigan basketball team, and his transfer to FUS. Peter Herbeck is the vice president and director of missions for Renewal Ministries. 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 salinadiocese.org or call 785-827-8746.

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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.



SCHOLARSHIPS

The following scholarship applications are now available through the parish office.

Marymount Memorial

Educational Trust Scholarship (new and renewal application available). Eligibility requirements include being an active registered member of a Catholic parish in the Diocese of Salina; must attend a Catholic college as fulltime student. Monsignor Clement Kruse Scholarship Fund: applicant must be an active registered member of a Catholic parish in the Diocese of Salina. Deadline for both scholarships is July 1.

RURAL LIFE DAY will be at St. Frances Cabrini Parish in Hoxie, on Sunday, Aug. 18. We will begin at 3pm, with an opening prayer. The main feature of the Rural Life Day is presenting the Msgr. John George Weber Century Farm Award to families who have farmed or owned their farm for 100 years or longer. Families applying for the award are asked to prepare a brief (5 minutes +/-) history of their family farm; their hardships, successes, how faith played a major role, family succession for the operation of the farm, etc. Photographs of the families and the family histories will be placed in *The Register*. While we are targeting farms and families in the West Central Deanery, any family in the Diocese may apply. Families in your parish who qualify for the Century Farm Award may apply by filling the application found on the Diocesan Website under Rural Life. We would appreciate the application submitted by Aug. 1. Please send the applications to: Rural Life Commission c/o Rev. Richard Daise, 585 N. French Avenue, Colby, KS 67701. For additional information, please call at 785-462-2179.

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The **Midwest Catholic Family Conference** will be held Aug. 2 – 4, at the Century II Convention Center in Wichita. It is a total family event with activities for every age group in the family with parents able to take babies in strollers along to

their sessions. For more information, go to catholicfamilyconference.org

JR. CYO ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jr. CYO will have a **bake sale** this weekend May 18 & 19 after all three masses, to help raise money for the junior CYO camp fees.



CYO ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you for helping the **CYO** through the enchilada sales this past month! We appreciate the generosity of our parish. Look in the gathering space of church for another opportunity to donate to send our youth on an unforgettable trip to Indianapolis for NCYC. Every \$20 donated is a mile closer!

THE DAYS AHEAD

- May 20** – Ladies Guild Mother's Day Tea, 6:30pm
- May 21** – Sunday Scripture Session with Fr. Reggie, 6:30pm
- May 23** – Summons, 7pm
- May 25** – Men of Myra, 7:30am
 - Rosary in the St. Nicholas Church 4:30pm
- May 26** – Rosary in the St. Nicholas Church, 9am



CATHOLIC SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer Hours:

- May 27 – 31 – Office Closed
- June & July – Office Open
 - 9am - noon & 1 – 4pm,
 - Tues-Thurs
- July 1 – 5 – Office Closed



-- **Holy Family Elementary currently has openings** for the upcoming 19-20 school year in our afternoon Preschool (PB), 2nd and 5th grades! The afternoon Preschool session runs from 12:10 to 3:10pm, 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 is looking for a new team member** to help with the maintenance and care of our school building after school hours. This person is responsible for helping create a safe and clean learning environment for students. A successful candidate will be dependable and reliable, take initiative and complete all tasks without direct supervision, willing to listen to the needs of others, and a valuable team member. Successful candidates are mobile, can lift heavy items (40-50 lbs), and can physically complete tasks related to cleaning and maintenance.

Hours will be approximately 15-20 hours per week during the school year with additional hours possible during the summer months. Hourly wage will be determined based on experience.

Applications are available in the main office of the school--hours are Monday-Friday 7:30am to 4pm. Questions can be directed at Rachel Wentling through email at rwentling@hfehays.org or by phone 785-625-3131.

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



-- To access up to date information for activities and events, please visit the webpage at

www.tmp-m.org/calendar/