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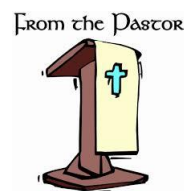
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From the Pastor 6th Installment of St. Cyprian’s Treatise on the Lord’s Prayer: After this we ask pardon for our sins, in the words: *and forgive us our trespasses*. The gift of bread is followed by a prayer for forgiveness. To be reminded that we are sinners and forced to ask forgiveness for our faults is prudent and sound. Even while we are asking God’s forgiveness, our hearts are aware of our state! This command to pray daily for our sins reminds us that we commit sin every day. No one should complacently think himself innocent, lest his pride lead to further sin. Such is the warning that John gives us in his letter: *If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, the Lord is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins*. His letter includes both points, that we should beg for forgiveness for our sins, and that we receive pardon when we do. He calls the Lord faithful, because he remains loyal to his promise, by forgiving us our sins. He both taught us to pray for our sins and our faults, and also promised to show us a father’s mercy and forgiveness. Moreover, the Lord of necessity admonishes us to say in prayer, *“And lead us not into temptation.”* In which words it is shown that the adversary can do nothing against us except God shall have previously permitted it; so that all our fear, and devotion, and obedience may be turned towards God, since in our temptations nothing is permitted to evil unless power is given from Him. Now power is given against us in two modes: either for punishment when we sin, or for glory when we are proved... But when we ask that we may not come into temptation, we are reminded of our infirmity and weakness in that we thus ask, lest any should insolently vaunt himself, lest any should proudly and arrogantly assume anything to himself, lest any should take to himself the glory either of confession or of suffering as his own, when the Lord Himself, teaching humility, said, Watch and pray, that you enter not into temptation; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak; Mark 14:38 so that while a humble and submissive confession comes first, and all is attributed to God, whatever is sought for suppliantly with fear and honour of God, may be granted by His own loving-kindness.

I have been working on updating the website and calendar with the various events in the parish and diocese. The various special collections are also listed on the calendar. Hopefully, I will be able to keep up with the calendar and keep you apprised of what is happening in the area.

This weekend is our Mission Coop weekend. Fr. Michael from the Heralds of Good News will be giving the cooperative (and no, this is not your former pastor, he is a Carmelite). I will be gone from Saturday until Wednesday night, as it is our annual priest gathering at Council Grove City Lake.

Parish Pool Party: Mark your calendars for our Parish Pool Party on Saturday, August 5th at 7pm! It is free for all to attend. Ice cream sundaes and Root Beer floats will be provided, per usual. Of course, this is weather permitting. Hope to see you all there!

The diocese has added a third Seminarian Dinner this year to be held in Colby on August 9th at City Limits beginning at 5:15pm. Hays and west has been the area from which the majority of priests have been ordained since 2012: 6 out of 11 (including Fr. Brian Lager and myself). The next batch of seminarians to be ordained will all be from Hays and west again, with 2 out of 3 coming from the west deanery. Some of these men could be your pastor in the future, and this is a great way to show support for them. Please consider attending this event, if they don’t get the numbers to attend, they will not have it out here in the future. More information can be found on the parish website or at <https://salinadiocese.org/office/priestly-vocations/>.


ST. JOSEPH NEWS

St. Joseph School Enrollment will be held on August 8th and 9th from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

THE 2023 RURAL LIFE DAY will be held at St. Joseph’s Church in Oakley on Sunday, August 13th, beginning at 3:00 P.M. for the featured event of Rural Life Day, the Msgr. John George Weber Century Farm awards. These awards are presented to families who have lived on farms, have farmed land, or owned farms in the diocese for 100 years or more. With each award, the family relates a brief (5 minutes or so) history of how the family came to own or live on the farm, as well as significant events of the family over the past 100 years, and the importance faith played in these family events. Please plan to attend. Refreshments will be served.

ST. PAUL NEWS

Capital Campaign Update: \$615K pledged and \$287K in the bank. Thank you for your continued support!!!!



Our Tithes from Last Week

Oakley: \$2,285.00 Angelus: \$2,446.00

DAILY SCHEDULE

Sat	29 – 5pm Mass + Frank & Anna Marie Huelsman
Sun	30 – 8am Mass (Angelus) - Parishioners 10:30am + Allison Chaput
Mon	31 – No Mass
Tues	01 – No Mass Bible Study at 9:30am
Wed	02 – No Mass
Thur	03 – 7:30am Mass (Angelus) + Special Intention for Murray & Millie Baalman
Fri	04 – 7am Mass + Marvin Sander
Sat	05 – 5pm Mass + Bobby Samsel 7pm – Parish Pool Party
Sun	06 – 8am Mass (Angelus) + Cleon Heinrich 10:30am + Parishioners

Confessions 30 minutes before Weekend Masses, by appointment, or if indicated on the schedule.

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Saturday Aug 5 th 5 pm	Servers	Volunteers	Sunday Aug 6 th 10:30 am	Servers	Peyton & Nolin K, Alexa W.
	Lector	Tom Halbleib		Lector	Kay Hughes
	Gifts	Mike & Aimee Zimmerman		Gifts	Drew & Valerie Krier
	Hospitality	Bea Albers & Alice Lindeman		Hospitality	Marvin & Rosanne LaBarge

Sunday, Aug 6 th 8 am	Servers	LaRynn Rumback
	Lectors	Barney Dickman & Doug Robben
	EMHC	Bob Schwarz
	Gifts	Jeff & Amanda Ostmeyer
	Hospitality	Doug R, Ray S, Bob S & Eugene S.