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This coming Thursday is the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. It is through the Cross that Christ has redeemed the world. This is an excerpt from a Discourse by St. Andrew of Crete on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross – Had there been no cross, Christ could not have been crucified. Had there been no cross, life itself could not have been nailed to the tree. And if life had not been nailed to it, there would be no streams of immortality pouring from Christ's side, blood and water for the world's cleansing. The legal bond of our sin would not be canceled, we should not have attained our freedom, we should not have enjoyed the fruit of the tree of life, and the gates of paradise would not stand open. Had there been no cross, death would not have been trodden underfoot, nor hell despoiled. Therefore, the cross is something wonderfully great and honorable. It is great because through the cross the many noble acts of Christ found their consummation – very many indeed, for both his miracles and his sufferings were fully rewarded with victory. The cross is honorable because it is both the sign of God's suffering and the trophy of his victory. It stands for his suffering because on it he freely suffered unto death. But it is also his trophy because it was the means by which the devil was wounded and death conquered; the barred gates of hell was smashed, and the cross became the one common salvation of the whole world.

Next week all priests of the diocese will be in Wichita for our September Priest "Retreat". If you are in a circumstance that is a sacramental emergency, you can call Scott City to see if he can come up. I know Scott City is in the Dodge City Diocese, but the rule of thumb is in danger of death, rules go out the window (meaning he would not need to provide a letter of good standing as in normal circumstances). Please know of my prayers for you all during the week.

RCIA – If you or you know of someone who is interested in joining the Church, please contact Deacon Dennis. He will arrange a meeting time when he has an idea of who will be involved in the class. As of now, we have two or three interested in the process. Thanks.

Fr. Brian Lager, pastor of Sacred Heart in Colby, will be gone to the Holy Land for the next two weeks on pilgrimage and retreat. While he is gone, I will be covering his emergency calls and funerals. Obviously, I do not know when or if and how many of these will come up over the next few weeks. I just wanted to make you aware of the situation in case you happen to hear that I am making trips to Colby more often than I normally do and are wondering why.

ST. JOSEPH NEWS

The Pizza Hut Fundraiser will be held on Monday evening, September 18th with the Kindergarten parents delivering.

The school is welcoming donations for beef, pork, and garden produce. If you would like to donate, please call the school office.

D of I (Daughters of Isabella) St. Catherine Circle, Oakley, will meet Thursday, September 14, 2023, at 1:00 in the parish annex. We are all called to serve, If you are interested in joining D of I or have questions concerning this organization, please contact Elaine Wycoff, at (785)953-0361 or any D of I member.

ST. PAUL NEWS

Capital Campaign Update: $617K pledged and $301K in the bank. Thank you for your continued support!!!!

St. Anne Altar Society will meet on Thursday, September 14, at 7:30 PM in the church basement. Items on the agenda include the Bingo in light of the church remodeling and making out the yearbook for 2024.

Our Tithes from Last Week

Oakley: $2576.00 Angelus: $479.00

DAILY SCHEDULE

Sat	09 – 5pm Mass - Parishioners
Sun	10 – 8am Mass (Angelus) + Leon Fellhoelter
	10:30am + Reynold Moellering
Mon	11 – No Mass
Tues	12 – 8:30am Communion Service
	Bible Study at 9:30am
Wed	13 – No Mass (Angelus)
	7pm CCD
Thur	14 – 8:30am Communion Service
	1pm D of I Meeting in the Annex
	7:30pm St. Anne's Altar Society in Angelus
Fri	15 – 11:30am Mass + Charles Anderson
Sat	16 – 5pm Mass - Parishioners
Sun	17 – 8am Mass (Angelus) + Joe Rottinghaus
	10:30am + Rory Seibel

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

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Saturday Sept 16th 5 pm	Servers	Volunteers
	Lector	Elaine Wycoff
	Gifts	Stan & Kerri Scheetz
	Hospitality	Stan & Kerri Scheetz

Sunday Sept 17th 10:30 am	Servers	CYO
	Lector	CYO
	Gifts	CYO
	Hospitality	CYO

Sunday, Sept 17th 8 am	Servers	LaRynn Rumback
	Lectors	Gary Ostmeyer & Bill Kuhlman
	EMHC	Ron Lager
	Gifts	Eugene & Linda Schwarz
	Hospitality	Tom Albers, Ron Bixenman, Daryl Bixenman & Andrew Bixenman