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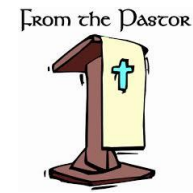
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From the Pastor

On July 26<sup>th</sup>, the Church celebrates the Memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne who are the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary. While there is, in my view, a brighter and brighter spotlight being shown on parents and raising children in today's society, this memorial gives us a chance to refocus on the family. While we recognize the Holy Family as Jesus, Mary and Joseph, we should not forget the family that led to Holy Family, that of Saints Joachim, Anne and Mary. While Joachim and Anne were more than likely unaware of the plan God had for their daughter, they strived to raise her nonetheless to the best of their ability in the practice of the Jewish faith. By the grace of God in their own lives, they built a family built with their focus on true devotion to Almighty God. This would set the foundations for Mary being able to respond the Angel Gabriel in her great Magnificat, "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord." How do you promote holiness within the home setting the foundations of children being able to respond to the Lord in humble graciousness. Obviously, this is not fool proof, because children will eventually make their own decisions out of their own free will, which is outside of the parents' control. Nonetheless, just because children could eventually reject the faith and/or God, does not mean a family should not try to set the foundations that Joachim and Anne set within their family anyway.

Support the Seminarians- We invite you to participate in the annual seminarian collection August 10-11. This vital collection is held in every parish across the diocese and supports the tuition, summer ministry, books, room and boarding expenses of our current seminarians, as well as recruitment of future seminarians. The average annual cost to educate one seminarian is over \$50,000; regardless of size, every contribution makes a significant impact! To make an online gift, please visit: [bit.ly/salinasems](http://bit.ly/salinasems). Or feel free to make a gift via your parish envelopes.

I will be gone for a little vacation time next Saturday, the 27<sup>th</sup>, through Wednesday the 31<sup>st</sup>. If there are any sacramental emergencies, please call Fr. James Thomas, pastor of Park, Grainfield and Grinnell, at 785-673-4684. Fr. Napolian Suvakin will be covering the masses that weekend. He had some time before he needs to return to India, and graciously agreed to help out in our diocese for a month or so. Please give him a warm welcome to our communities and parishes.

**USD 274 Oakley Public Schools** needs route bus drivers and activity bus drivers for the 2024-2025 school year! USD 274 will cover the cost of obtaining the CDL necessary to drive the buses. If interested, please contact Superintendent Julie Crum at 785-671-4588 or at [jcrum@oakleyschoolsks.com](mailto:jcrum@oakleyschoolsks.com).

**ST. JOSEPH NEWS**

**Coffee & Conversation** will be held on Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, at 9am in the Annex.


**Parish Pool Party:** Saturday, August 10th at 7pm at the Oakley Municipal Pool. This is a free event. Come enjoy fellowship with each other and ice cream sundaes and/or Root Beer floats. Hope to see you all there!

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**Pizza with Padre:** Tuesday, August 13th at 6:30pm in the School Gym. Slips of paper are available at the church entrances for writing questions.

**St. Joseph Bible Study:** We will watch and discuss *The Chosen* on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 in the rectory's conference room. All are invited and welcome.

**SALINA DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN (SDCCW) CONVENTION** is on Saturday, August 24th, at Immaculate Conception Church in Grinnell. Register by August 14<sup>th</sup>. Printed forms are on the bulletin board at our church's main entrance, or you can register online through the diocesan website at [Salinadiocese.org/events](http://Salinadiocese.org/events).



**Our Tithes from Last Week**

Oakley: \$4,263.00    Angelus: \$617.00

**DAILY SCHEDULE**

Sat	27	– 5:00pm Mass - Parishioners
Sun	28	– 8am Mass (Angelus) + Jeanne Struckhoff 10:30am Mass + Allison Chaput
Mon	29	– NO Mass
Tues	30	– NO Mass 9:30am Bible Study in the rectory
Wed	31	– NO Mass
Thur	01	– 7:30am Mass (Angelus) + Wilfred & Donna Engel
Fri	02	– 7am Mass + Norma Wasinger 7pm Adoration/Confessions
Sat	03	– 8am Confessions 9am Mass 5:00pm Mass - Parishioners
Sun	04	– 8am Mass (Angelus) + Cleon Heinrich 9am Coffee & Conversation in the annex 10:30am Mass + Mitchell Ottley

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

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Saturday Aug 3 <sup>rd</sup> 5pm	Servers	Volunteers	Sunday Aug 4 <sup>th</sup> 10:30 am	Servers	Bryn & Kambrie H, Alexa W.
	Lector	Madeline Kuhlman		Lector	Betty Hockersmith
	Gifts	Casey & Brandy Anderson		Gifts	Bob & Penny Ottley
	Hospitality	Jerry & Elaine Wycoff		Hospitality	Ken & Bridget Bockwinkel

Sunday, Aug 4 <sup>th</sup> 8 am	Servers	Nick Robben	
	Lectors		Nancy Schwarz & Millie Baalman
	Gifts		Eugene & Linda Schwarz
	Ushers		Bob, Clem, Lee and Jim Fellhoelter