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From the Pastor

From the Apostolic Constitution on the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: In their sermons and speeches on the feast day of the Assumption of the Mother of God, the holy fathers and the great doctors of the church were speaking of something that the faithful already knew and accepted: all they did was to bring it out into the open, to explain its meaning and substance in other terms. Above all, they made it most clear that this feast commemorated not merely the fact that the blessed Virgin Mary did not experience bodily decay, but also her triumph over death and her heavenly glory, following the example of her only Son, Jesus Christ. Thus St John Damascene, who is the greatest exponent of this tradition, compares the bodily Assumption of the revered Mother of God with her other gifts and privileges: *It was right that she who had kept her virginity unimpaired through the process of giving birth should have kept her body without decay through death. It was right that she who had given her Creator, as a child, a place at her breast should be given a place in the dwelling-place of her God. It was right that the bride espoused by the Father should dwell in the heavenly bridal chamber. It was right that she who had gazed on her Son on the cross, her heart pierced at that moment by the sword of sorrow that she had escaped at his birth, should now gaze on him seated with his Father. It was right that the Mother of God should possess what belongs to her Son and be honoured by every creature as God's Mother and handmaid.* All that the holy fathers say refers ultimately to Scripture as a foundation, which gives us the vivid image of the great Mother of God as being closely attached to her divine Son and always sharing his lot. It is important to remember that from the second century onwards the holy fathers have been talking of the Virgin Mary as the new Eve for the new Adam: not equal to him, of course, but closely joined with him in the battle against the enemy, which ended in the triumph over sin and death that had been promised even in Paradise. The glorious resurrection of Christ is essential to this victory and its final prize, but the blessed Virgin's share in that fight must also have ended in the glorification of her body. For as the Apostle says: When this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the scripture will be fulfilled that says "Death is swallowed up in victory".

Thursday is the Solemnity of the Assumption which is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times are in the Daily Schedule portion of the bulletin

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.

ST. JOSEPH NEWS


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 14th. 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.

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL NEWS

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



Our Tithes from Last Week

Oakley: \$4189.00 Angelus: \$823.00

DAILY SCHEDULE

Sat	10 – 5:00pm Mass + Kathleen Weigel 7pm Ice cream social at the park
Sun	11 – 8am Mass (Angelus) + Ed & Irene Huelsman 10:30am Mass - Parishioners
Mon	12 – NO Mass 6:15pm School Council meeting
Tues	13 – 7:00am Mass + Dennis & Connie Dawson 9:30am Bible Study in the rectory 6:30pm Pizza with Padre at the school gym
Wed	14 – 7:30am Mass (Angelus) + Clara Zimmerman 7pm Mass + Anna Selenke
Thur	15 – 6:50am Mass + Robert Waldman 7:30pm (Angelus) + Marilyn Zimmerman
Fri	16 – 7am Mass + Jerry Zerr
Sat	17 – 5:00pm Mass - Parishioners
Sun	18 – 8am Mass (Angelus) + Royce Fellhoelter 10:30am Mass + Joey Weber

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

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Saturday Aug 17 th 5pm	Servers	Volunteers	Sunday Aug 18 th 10:30 am	Servers	Carter S, Shayden S. & Alexa W.
	Lector	Mike Kuhlman		Lector	Brandon Maurath
	Gifts	Mike & Aimee Zimmerman		Gifts	Jarrad & Casey Zerr
	Hospitality	Bob & Sherri Kuhlman		Hospitality	Jarrad & Casey Zerr

Sunday, Aug 18 th 8 am	Servers	Johnathan Ostmeyer
	Lectors	Nancy Schwarz & Millie Baalman
	Gifts	Murray & Millie Baalman
	Ushers	Bob, Clem, Lee and Jim Fellhoelter