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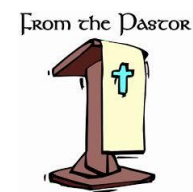
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From the Pastor

This weekend closes out our walk-through John 6. In this last section, we hear that the message that Jesus gave about “unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood you do not have life within you” is a message too hard for most to handle. Most turn and leave, and Jesus asks his apostles, “Do you also want to leave?” Peter then gives one of his greatest responses, “Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of everlasting life.” When you hear what Jesus or Scripture truly teaches and find it hard to understand or it makes you feel bad, what do you do? Do you turn away, or do you allow the Word of God to transform you? There is a lot that Christianity truly teaches that goes counter to our culture today. Many have turned away because what they hear isn’t very nice. Well, Jesus did teach niceness, he taught the truth, and sometimes, to be cliché, the truth hurts. Not everyone goes to heaven, in fact, that is unfortunately the minority; not coming to Mass on Sundays or Holy Days of Obligation is a mortal sin that puts your soul at risk of going to hell; husbands are to be the leaders of their households; just being a good person is not good enough if you claim to be Catholic. None of those are nice things to say to people today, but Jesus did not teach nice. Not even Jesus himself was “nice” throughout his life on earth, he told Peter, “Get behind me Satan,” (Mt. 16:23); he drove out money changers from the temple with a whip (Mt. 21:12-17); St. Paul, in his letters to the Corinthians, admonishes the church there because of their wicked ways. Scripture is packed with examples of holy people, and even God, not doing or saying very nice things. God did not give us teachings of niceness, but ones of prudence, justice, and charity, and those don’t always feel nice. What do you do when you hear the truth that Scripture and Tradition teaches even if it’s not nice? Do you respond like most of the crowd and leave, or like Peter and double down on following Christ, even when it’s not nice or easy?

In preparation for the 2nd graders’ reception of the Sacraments of Penance and First Holy Communion, Mrs. Kuhlman and myself would like to ask parishioners to take on praying for the students by name and them for you as prayer partners. This might mean several people have the same student, but that is ok. If you might be interested, please contact Mrs. Bryn Kuhlman at 913-660-3805 or email here at bkuhlman@sjoakley.org. She will assign you a student to pray for you throughout the year and the student pray for you as well.

Registration for CCD classes is available online via our website. An article under parish headlines has the link and a PDF of the CCD schedule. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Luke or Jessica Halbleib.

REBOOT featuring Chris Stefanick is coming to the Colby Event Center on Wednesday, November 20th. He is an engaging, popular Catholic speaker and desires nothing more than for souls to know Christ. There is an early bird special on tickets until October 30th! For more information, please visit the parish website.

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


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.

ATTENTION LADIES: Please pick up your funeral dishes left in the church's back. THANK YOU!!

Coffee & Conversation is on Sunday, September 1st, at 9am in the annex.

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: \$3,943.00 Angelus: \$615.00

EMERGENCY SHORTAGE! The American Red Cross is facing an emergency blood shortage. Blood donors of all types are urgently needed now to ensure patients across the country receive lifesaving medical treatments. The Grinnell Community Blood Drive will be at the Immaculate Conception Church Parish Center on **Monday, August 26th, from 9:30-3:30 PM.** Visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) for your appointment to donate! Spread the word! If you give blood in August, you will receive a \$20 Amazon.com Gift Card by email.

DAILY SCHEDULE

Sat	24 – 5:00pm Mass + Ron Brenner
Sun	25 – 8am Mass (Angelus) + Charla Moos 10:30am Mass - Parishioners
Mon	26 – NO Mass
Tues	27 – 8:30am Mass + Loretta Schoenfeld 9:30am Bible Study in the rectory
Wed	28 – 7:30am Mass (Angelus) + Bernice Heier
Thur	29 – 8:30am Mass + Bill Goetz
Fri	30 – 7am Mass + Bob Huelsman
Sat	31 – 5:00pm Mass + Raymond & Shirley Bussen
Sun	01 – 8am Mass (Angelus) - Parishioners 9am Coffee & Conversation in the annex 10:30am Mass + Larry Kuhlman

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

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Saturday Aug 31 st 5pm	Servers	Volunteers	Sunday Sept 1 st 10:30 am	Servers	Cody A, Alexander B, & Jethro C.
	Lector	Elaine Wycoff		Lector	Jace Ochs
	Gifts	Pat Ryan & Alice Lindeman		Gifts	Ethan & Maureen Schwarz
	Hospitality	Alan & Joyce Kuhn		Hospitality	Ethan & Maureen Schwarz

Sunday, Sept 1 st 8 am	Servers	Nick Robben
	Lectors	Doug Robben & Gary Ostmeyer
	Gifts	Andrew & Tristan Bixenman
	Ushers	Jason Fellhoelter, Steve Fellhoelter, Ron Lager & Larry Mense