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From the Pastor

With just over two weeks until the election on November 5<sup>th</sup>, we must remind ourselves that we, as Catholics, vote for not just good policy but also the morality underlying those policies. The first and most fundamental is the right to life. These are quotes from each presidential campaign’s stances on the issue. Vice-President Kamala Harris said, “Since *Roe v. Wade* was overturned, Kamala has led the fight to restore reproductive freedom, crisscrossing the country to stand up for women’s access to health care, supporting health care providers, and shining a light on the crisis. She is the first sitting Vice President to visit a reproductive health care clinic.” Former President Donald Trump said, “We proudly stand for families and Life. We believe that the 14th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States guarantees that no person can be denied Life or Liberty without Due Process and that the States are, therefore, free to pass Laws protecting those Rights. After 51 years, because of us, that power has been given to the States and to a vote of the People. We will oppose Late-Term Abortion while supporting mothers and policies that advance Prenatal Care, access to Birth Control, and IVF (fertility treatments).” The Catechism of the Catholic Church states, “Since the first century, the Church has affirmed the moral evil of every procured abortion. This teaching has not changed and remains unchangeable. Direct abortion, that is to say, abortion willed either as an end or a means, is gravely contrary to the moral law.” (2271) What about cases of the health of the mother? While it’s impossible to go into the details of every case where the mother’s health is at risk, most would fall under the Principle of Double Effect. Basically, with both good means and a good end, there is an unintended evil consequence. When politicians say, “with exceptions for the health of the mother,” generally, this would be the Catholic teaching of the Principle of Double Effect. The Catholic Church has major issues with both candidates on this issue. The Church is against abortion, birth control, and in vitro fertilization (IVF).

**The 21st Annual Winter Blast Dinner and Auction** will be on Saturday, December 7th, 2024. If you would like to donate an item to this year’s auction, please get in touch with the school office or email [winterblast@sjoakley.org](mailto:winterblast@sjoakley.org) by November 16th. Golden Tickets can be purchased now or at the auction. Call the school today to purchase your Golden Ticket and to reserve your seat—call: 785-671-4451 8-Seat Table \$300 or \$40 Per Ticket.

**Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas’ Igniting Hope: Annual Campaign for Our Neighbors in Need** kicks off Oct. 26-27. This campaign supports families across northern Kansas facing hunger, housing instability, mental health, and other vital assistance to those in desperate need. Thanks to a \$150,000 dollar-for-dollar match, your gift will go twice as far in helping those in need. To give to the Catholic Charities Igniting Hope Campaign, please use the pledge cards and remittance envelopes provided or the pledge card that you will receive in the mail in the coming weeks. You can also donate at [ccnks.org/ignitinghope](http://ccnks.org/ignitinghope)

Saturday Oct 26 <sup>th</sup> 5pm	Servers	Volunteers	Sunday Oct 27 <sup>th</sup> 10:30 am	Servers	Kambrie H., Parker K & Carter K.
	Lector	Micheline Huffman		Lector	Carrie Evins
	Gifts	Ben & Christie Kuhlman		Gifts	Brad & Vicky Joseph
	Hospitality	Donita Sparks & Alice Lindeman		Hospitality	Danny & Delores Lockhart


**REBOOT** featuring Chris Stefanick is coming to the Colby Event Center on Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**Boxes of Joy:** This is a Christmas campaign for impoverished children. If you would like to participate, boxes are at the main entrances of St. Joseph and St. Paul. Instructions are in the pamphlets by the boxes. Please return to Fr. Luke by November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you for your participation.

**Hurricane Relief Collection:** This weekend, a second collection will be taken up for the victims of the recent hurricanes. Please make checks out to St. Joseph or St. Paul with “hurricane” in the memo line. Thank you for being so supportive of our brothers and sisters in crisis.

**ANNIVERSARY MASSES:** We will recognize couples celebrating their first anniversary or any anniversary ending with a 5 or 0 with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Vincke on Sunday, October 27th, at 3:00 p.m. in Hays at St. Nicholas of Myra Parish and on Sunday, November 3rd, at 2:00 p.m. in Salina at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish. Registration and event details will be available on our website under the Office tab, followed by Family Life/Marriage Enrichment.

**All the ladies of the West Vicariate** are cordially invited to a meeting on Saturday, October 19, 2024. The meeting will occur in the St. Joseph Catholic Church Parish Hall in Bird City, Kansas. Registration is from 9 to 9:30 A.M. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. We look forward to seeing you!!






**Our Tithes from Last Week**

Oakley: \$2638.00 Angelus: \$.00

We welcome all our guests to our parishes. If you have moved here, we encourage you to register.



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**DAILY SCHEDULE**

Sat	19 – 5pm Mass - Parishioners
Sun	20 – 8am Mass (Angelus) + Pauline Davis 10:30am Mass + Loretta Schoenfeld
Mon	21 – NO Mass Pizza Hut fundraiser/1 <sup>st</sup> grade parents deliver
Tues	22 – 8:30am Mass + Bill Goetz 9:30am Bible Study in the rectory
Wed	23 – 7:30am Mass (Angelus) + Stella Krannawitter 7pm Religious Ed for both parishes
Thur	24 – 8:30am Mass + Bob Huelsman
Fri	25 – 7am Mass + Joseph & Evelyn Engel
Sat	26 – 5pm Mass + Weber/Moorhous Families Potato Bar fundraiser after Mass at the school
Sun	27 – 8am Mass (Angelus) + Rodney Mense 10:30am Mass – Parishioners Potato Bar fundraiser after Mass at the school

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

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Sunday, Oct 27 <sup>th</sup> 8 am	Servers	Nick Robben
	Lectors	Ron Lager & Nick Robben
	Gifts	Ron & Elsie Rietcheck
	Ushers	Gary Ostmeyer, Jeff Ostmeyer, Joe Rehmer & Mark Rueschhoff