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From the Pastor



From a notebook on prayer by Origen: The kingdom of God, in the words of our Lord and Savior, does not come for all to see; nor shall they say: Behold, here it is, or behold, there it is; but the kingdom of God is within us, for the word of God is very near, in our mouth and in our heart. Thus it is clear that he who prays for the coming of God's kingdom prays rightly to have it within himself, that there it might grow and bear fruit and become perfect. For God reigns in each of his holy ones. Anyone who is holy obeys the spiritual laws of God, who dwells in him as in a well-ordered city. The Father is present in the perfect soul, and with him, Christ reigns, according to the words: We shall come to him and make our home with him. Thus the kingdom of God within us, as we continue to make progress, will reach its highest point when the Apostle's words are fulfilled, and Christ, having subjected all his enemies to himself, will hand over his kingdom to God the Father, that God may be all in all. Therefore, let us pray unceasingly with that disposition of soul which the Word may make divine, saying to our Father who is in heaven: Hallowed be your name; your kingdom come.

**3rd ANNUAL ADVENT FAMILY CHALLENGE** - We will have our third annual Advent Family Challenge. Please make sure you are keeping an eye on our website and social media for more information: <https://salinadiocese.org/office/family-life/advent-family-challenge/> Pick one night a week during Advent for a family night. Clear your schedule, put the phones in the other room, turn off the TV, make and share a meal together, and then play a game as a family or watch something together on [formed.org](https://formed.org).

**RETIRED RELIGIOUS COLLECTION** is December 7 & 8th. Envelopes should be available in the packets mailed to you, or you can donate online via our website.

**This year, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception** has been moved to Monday, December 9th. The USCCB has declared that this Solemnity remains obligatory. Please make plans to attend mass to fulfill the obligation.

**Advent Penance Services:** The Advent Penance Schedule for the West Vicariate is available at the church's entrances.

During November, the Book (binder) of the Dead will be available at the main entrances of the churches. Please feel free to write in anyone who has died in the book. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

**The 21st Annual Winter Blast Dinner and Auction** will be on Saturday, December 7th, 2024. If you want to donate an item to this year's auction, please contact 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.

**ST. JOSEPH NEWS:**


**Young Adult Night** will be on Sunday, November 24th, at 7 p.m. in the Rectory. This group has been enjoyable, and we hope those who are able will attend to continue building community within this demographic. We will discuss Advent and how to celebrate this season personally and as a family.

**ST. PAUL NEWS:**

Angelus Project Update: Some have been wondering where the project stands and any other future hopes. As far as monies are concerned, there is \$426K in the bank. This is an excellent pace for raising the money to keep up with payments on the loan from the diocese. New stained-glass window ventilators are planned to be installed, which is included in the project's total cost. Future hopes include getting the bell to ring again (\$25K), renovating the sanctuary and nave floor, and putting new protective coverings outside the stained glass (\$120K). Again, these are hopes, not things I will push for now. The focus is to pay off the loan before moving on to other projects unless monies are specifically for those projects. Thank you all for your continued support of this project.

**Advent Penance Service** in Angelus will be Sunday, December 1st at 2pm.

**The Night of Prayer for Life** will be at St Paul's beginning at 8:00pm on December 8th, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. It is to go to the Feast of St Juan Diego on December 9th. We are praying for not only the end of abortion, but for people to understand why abortion and contraception have not been condoned by the Catholic Church. The normal format will be followed.



**Our Tithes from Last Week**

Oakley: \$2,654.00 Angelus: \$600.00

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	23 – 5pm + Regan Lewis
Sun	24 – 8am Mass (Angelus) - Parishioners 10:30am Mass + Clem & Pauline Zerr 7pm – Young Adult Night
Mon	25 – NO Mass
Tues	26 – 8:30am Mass + Weber/Moorhous families 9:30am Bible Study in the rectory
Wed	27 – 7:30am Mass (Angelus) + Margaret Redetzke No Religious Ed
Thur	28 – 8am Mass (Angelus) + Rita Schwarz 9:30am + Danny George
Fri	29 – 9am Mass + Willie Zerr
Sat	30 – 5pm + Living & deceased members of the Schoenfeld/Bockwinkel family
Sun	01 – 8am Mass (Angelus) + Daisy Fellhoelter 10:30am Mass - Parishioners 2pm Penance service in Angelus

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

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Saturday Nov 30th 5pm	Servers	Volunteers	Sunday Dec 1st 10:30 am	Servers	Carter K, Faith K & Madeline K.
	Lector	Cecilia Brungardt		Lector	Marylou VanEaton
	Gifts	Curt & Lila Thompson		Gifts	Jarrad & Casey Zerr
	Hospitality	David & Dana Charles		Hospitality	Jarrad & Casey Zerr

Sunday, Dec 1st 8 am	Servers	LaRynn & Lettie Rumback
	Lectors	Millie Baalman & Barney Dickman
	Gifts	Eugene & Linda Schwarz
	Ushers	Bob Schwarz, Eugene Schwarz, Ron Bixenman & Daryl Bixenman