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From the Pastor

As my pastorate draws to a close here at St. Joseph and St. Paul, I can't help but just be extremely grateful. I have said many times that if your marriage looks the same after a year, 10 years, etc., then you have not grown in your vocation. I can easily say I have grown an immense amount over my nine years of priesthood, and massively over the last six as pastor. I could not have asked for a better first pastorate. While it was not a cake walk, it wasn't always high stress either. The experiences are numerous, from navigating a pandemic, to various projects from small to one that requires a capital campaign; from the great joys of celebrating the various sacraments to the sorrow of tragic and horrific situations; from bringing Donder to the community to a near death experience in rolling my vehicle. There have been many nights that I go to bed wondering what more God could ask of me in 24 hours, but the graces of Holy Orders, I have no doubt, is what got me through those stressful times. It is those times, though, that I could lay my head on my pillow, mentally and spiritually exhausted, and have the confidence that God would never give me more than I could handle; and I slept like a baby. If, by the grace of God, I assisted in bringing a soul closer to Christ, I fulfilled my basic duty as a pastor and priest. The salvation of the souls of the flock entrusted to me is ultimately all I care about, even though there are numerous facets to that foundational goal as a priest/pastor.

The growth in both parishes has been humbling to witness and I leave knowing the future looks good for both parishes. Yes, the future holds some unknowns with the restructuring of parishes, but it does not mean that the priests who will be assigned here will not care as much. Don't fight against your priests, unless your rights are being violated. There have been things that I have done, that some, if not many of you did not agree with, and the same will be the case with all pastors / priests. If you trust and assist them in their vision of the future of the parishes, it will be good for everyone and the church community as a whole. There are some great things happening here, and I am excited to hear about the growth in the future. Please keep me in your prayers and I will certainly keep you all in mine. Thank you for a blessed six years as your pastor.

In Christ, Fr. Luke Thielen

Eucharistic Conference 2025 - Get ready for an inspiring and transformative experience at our second Eucharistic Conference, designed to ignite the faith of our entire Catholic diocese. This event will feature engaging speakers known for their powerful insights and teachings, deepening your understanding and devotion to the Eucharist. Experience moments of spiritual renewal through Eucharistic Adoration and celebrate the beauty of the Mass with reverence and joy. This year's conference will also highlight the theme of the Jubilee Year of Hope for 2025: "Hope Does Not Disappoint." As we reflect on this message, we will be reminded that true hope, rooted in Christ, never falters or fades. Together, we will explore how the Eucharist strengthens us in our journey of hope and trust in God's promises. Don't miss this special opportunity to grow in faith and community. Mark your calendars for a weekend that will leave a lasting impact on your spiritual journey. To register, visit <https://salinadiocese.org/office/eucharistic-conference-2025/>

ST. JOSEPH NEWS:


Statues - To try and evangelize to families during the school year, we are looking for any extra small Jesus, Joseph, or Mary statues that are in good condition. These statues should only be 3" – 6" tall for portability. If you have any lying around, you can drop them off to Jessica Halbleib or at the rectory.

CCD Teacher: Looking forward to next year, we will need another CCD teacher on Wednesday evenings. If you are interested, please contact Barb Hemmert or Jessica Halbleib. Thank you.

St. Joseph Bible Study: We will resume our Bible Studies with **Bishop Fulton J. Sheen's Faith, Hope, and Love** on Tuesday morning at 9:30 in the rectory. No "homework" during this 4-week summer session. Bishop Sheen is eloquence at its very best. All are welcome. For any comments, questions, or suggestions, please call or text Rosanne at 785-672-0479.

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL NEWS:

St. Joseph School is looking for a 4th Grade Teacher for the 2025-2026 school year. Please contact Michelle Selzer at the school 785-671-4451 or email mselzer@sjoakley.org.



Our Tithes from Last Week

Oakley: \$2,021.00 Angelus: \$646.00

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



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DAILY SCHEDULE

Sat 28 – 5pm Mass + Danny George
 Sun 29 – 8:00am Mass (Angelus) - Parishioners
 10:30am Mass – Special Intention
 Mon 30 – NO Mass
 Tues 01 – 7am Mass + Raymond Bussen
 9:30am Bible Study in the rectory
 Wed 02 – 7:30am Mass (Angelus) + Collin Gormley
 Thur 03 – 7am Mass + Dennis & Connie Dawson
Fri 04 – 8am Mass + Ron Brenner
NO First Friday Adorations due to the holiday
 Sat 05 – 8 am Confessions
 9am Mass
 5pm Mass + Bill Schwarz
 Sun 06 – 8:00am Mass (Angelus) + Dennis Lindeman
 10:30am Mass + Parishioners

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

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Saturday July 5 th 5pm	Servers	Volunteers	Sunday June 6 th 10:30 am	Servers	Bryn & Kambrie H & Carter K.
	Lector	Mike Kuhlman		Lector	Jace Ochs
	Gifts	Alan & Joyce Kuhn		Gifts	Danny & Delores Lockhart
	Hospitality	Alan & Joyce Kuhn		Hospitality	Danny & Delores Lockhart

Sunday, June 6 th 8 am	Servers	Nick Robben
	Lectors	Barney Dickman & Nancy Schwarz
	Gifts	Bob & Nancy Schwarz
	Ushers	Mason Bixenman, Bernard Dickman, Bob & Clem Fellhoelter