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From the Pastor

**The Mass Explained: By Cormac Burke**

**The purposes of the Mass**

**The second purpose: to give thanks,** God is infinitely good.

And all the good things we have, have come from him: life, family, sanctifying grace, faith, the sacraments, the gift of his Mother... And so many other natural and supernatural gifts. It is good to give thanks. The person who is too proud to say “Thank You” is not only ungrateful but is bound to end up being unhappy. Unite yourself to our Lord in the Mass, giving thanks, and you will see how you also become more optimistic as a result, because you will become more and more convinced of the goodness of God.

**The third purpose: to make up for our sins,** Jesus is perfect God and perfect Man. He is all-holy. Therefore, he has not and could not have been guilty of any sin. But, as the Holy Scriptures says, he took our sins on himself and made up for them. He did penance for us by dying on the cross. If we want to take part properly in the Holy Mass, we must be sorry for our sins. The person who is not sorry for his sins will never understand or love the Mass, nor will he ever really take part in it. But the person who comes to Mass with real sorrow for his sins, will draw from it great strength to fight against temptations and to realize that, despite his weaknesses, God loves him very much. The penitential act the “I confess” that we all say together at the start of the Mass does not pardon mortal sins. Forgiveness of mortal sins has to be obtained in the sacrament of penance. It is also important to remember that a person who has committed a mortal sin cannot go to communion unless he goes to confession beforehand. But the penitential act, if it is said well, certainly helps to obtain pardon for present venial sins as well as to stir up new sorrow for past sins that have already been forgiven. In this way it helps us to purify ourselves and so to take better part in the Holy Mass.

**The swim party & ice cream social has been cancelled due to the county fair. Another event will be scheduled at a later date.**

**ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL NEWS:**

St. Joseph School Enrollment will be held on Monday, August 4th, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Tuesday, August 5th, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**ST. JOSEPH NEWS:**

The CCD program is seeking working flat-screen TVs for use in the classrooms. If you have anything that you would like to donate, please contact Jessica Halbleib @ 785-672-7643.

**St. Joseph Parish Bible Study:** This week, August 5, we will watch and discuss the movie *Risen*. You are welcome to join us at the rectory on Tuesday at 9:30.

**St. Joseph Parish Bible Study: Foundations of Faith’s journey through the Catechism of the Catholic Church**

The *Catechism* (CCC) is a book every Catholic should read. It is the summary of our Catholic beliefs and practices. Drawing from Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition, it highlights how our faith is rooted in the teachings of Christ and his apostles.

This study is a spiritual pilgrimage, exploring the core beliefs of the Catholic Faith with video-based programs filmed across 40 locations in 11 countries on 4 continents—places where our faith was explained and clarified by Church councils, the Church doctors, and the saints.

Dr. Edward Sri, Jeff Cavins, Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio, Fr. Mike Schmitz, and others, will walk us through the *Catechism* from beginning to end.

You are invited to join this session, beginning on August 19, as we strive to deepen the understanding of our Catholic faith. Cost: On-line video and workbook: \$6.95 (This will give you access to this 20-week program from Ascension Press for one year.) A bound workbook is \$40 +SH&taxes. Any questions, call or text Rosanne LaBarge (785)672-0479.

**Our Tithes from Last Week**

Oakley: \$2517.00 Angelus: \$580.00

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 02 – 5pm Mass + Ralph Kruse

Sun 03 – 8:00am Mass (Angelus) + Special Intention for  
The Murray & Millie Baalman Family  
10:30am Mass - Parishioners

Mon 04 – NO Mass  
8am – 4pm St. Jos. School Registration

Tues 05 – 7am Mass + Floris & Viola Weiser  
8am – 12pm St. Jos. School Registration  
9:30am Bible Study in the rectory

Wed 06 – 7:30am Mass (Angelus) + Special Intention

Thur 07 – 7am Mass + Patrick Porter

Fri 08 – 7am Mass + Butch Kruse

Sat 09 – 5pm Mass - Parishioners

Sun 10 – 8:00am Mass (Angelus) + John Rehmer  
10:30am Mass + Mitch Ottley

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

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Saturday Aug 9 <sup>th</sup> 5pm	Servers	Volunteers	Sunday Aug 10 <sup>th</sup> 10:30 am	Servers	Madeline & Peyton K., Shayden S.
	Lector	Cecilia Brungardt		Lector	Nolin Kuhlman
	Gifts	Mike & Aimee Zimmerman		Gifts	Jarred & Krista Stramel
	Hospitality	Jerry & Darlene Chaput		Hospitality	Jarred & Krista Stramel

Sunday, Aug 10 <sup>th</sup> 8 am	Servers	LaRynn, Lettie & Lawson Rumback
	Lectors	Doug Robben & Ron Lager
	Gifts	Ron & Nancy Bixenman
	Ushers	Lee, Jim, Jason & Steve Fellhoelter