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FROM THE PASTOR

This Sunday, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of our Lord into heaven. The celebration of the solemnity is transferred from this previous Thursday to this weekend. Unfortunately, we overlook this solemnity, but it holds a very important place in our lives as Catholics. We proclaim in the Nicene Creed each week that Jesus goes to sit at the right hand of the Father; this is only possible in the Ascension. He ascends to the Father taking not only His divinity, but also humanity to into heaven. At the resurrection of all the dead, our humanity will be joined to our soul in heaven, or hell (if we die in unrepentance) and will live forever with God, or apart from God.

The Church acclaims Him in His holy humanity, invited to sit on the Father’s right hand and to share His glory. But Christ’s Ascension is the pledge of our own. Filled with an immense hope, the Church looks up towards her leader, who precedes her into the heavenly home and takes her with Him in His own person: “for the Son of God, after incorporating in Himself those whom the devil’s jealousy had banished from the earthly paradise, ascends again to His Father and takes them with Him” (St. Leo).

Father Gnanasekar. (yon-a-shaker) will be living in the rectory in Hoxie until July. This is so that he can cover for the priests in western Kansas. I will be taking vacation from May 18-29, Father Jesse will be taking vacation from June 1-8, and Fr. Gruber will be taking vacation from June 15-25 before he moves to Atwood. Father Fr. Gnanasekar. will be covering daily masses in Hoxie when each of us is away.

A few calendar notes for the upcoming weeks, I know these will be in the bulletin elsewhere also.

May 23-24 is the Solemnity of Pentecost.

June 6-7 is the Solemnity of The Body and Blood of Jesus. Pickin’ on the Plains will be in Colby that weekend. I have a wedding out of town on June 6. Two priests from Nebraska will be attending the festival and will offer a mass at the fairgrounds as well as here at the Church. I am grateful they are willing to help out that weekend. Colby will have their annual Eucharistic Procession on June 7 after the 9 am Mass. We only have one Mass on Sunday in order to allow for that procession. Please plan accordingly.


June 12 at 2 pm in the ordination of Deacon Luke Friess. Deacon Benjamin King will also be ordained with him. Deacon King is a member or an new religious order being formed and they will be taking up residence in our diocese. Please pray for Deacon Luke and Deacon Benjamin.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEWS:

St. Joseph Bible Study: We continue to delve into the meaning of the **Beatitudes** on Tuesday mornings in the Conference Room at the rectory. You are welcome to join this spiritual journey as we study and discuss “Blessed are the . . .” and the promised rewards. Questions: call or text 672-0479.

Save the Date: Pizza with Padre at 6pm on Wednesday, May 20, at Oakley’s Family Fun Center (the bowling alley). Pizza and drinks will be provided. You can leave your written questions/concerns for Father Jesse by the church doors, or just come ask. All are welcome!

“Be Still and Know I Am God.” Start a new family tradition by coming to the Midwest Catholic Family Conference July 31- August 2, in Wichita, KS. Listen to great speakers and take advantage of daily Mass, adoration, and a beautiful Eucharistic procession. Save up to \$30 with early bird registration by June 30. Registration is available on-site, but online registration after June 30 will still save you money! Register online at www.catholicfamilyconference.org or call 316-618-9787. Email questions to info@catholicfamilyconference.org



Our Tithes from Last Week

Oakley: \$3,109.00 Angelus: \$919.00

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DAILY SCHEDULE

Sat 16 – 5pm Mass + Delores Lockhart
Sun 17 – 8am Mass (Angelus) - Parishioners
10:30 am Mass + Clara Zimmerman
Mon 18 – NO MASS
Tues 19 – 7am Mass + Ken Wetovick
 7:30-8am Confessions
 9:30am Bible Study
Wed 20 - 7:30am Mass (Angelus) + Charla Moos
 6pm Pizza with Padre at Oakley Family Fun Center
Thur 21 – 7am Mass + Margie Schoenfeld
 7:30-8am Confessions
 9am – 7pm Adoration in Oakley
Fri 22 – 7am Mass + Loretta Schoenfeld
 7:30-8am Confessions
Sat 23 – 5pm Mass - Parishioners
Sun 24 – 8am Mass (Angelus) + Dave Campbell
10:30 am Mass + Charles & Frances Goetz

Confessions are available in Oakley: Tues., Thurs, & Fri. 7:30-8am. Saturday: 4-4:45pm. Sunday: 7:30am in Angelus and 10am in Oakley.

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Saturday May 23 th 8am	Servers	Volunteers	Sunday May 24 th 10:30 am	Servers	Brynn H., Alexander B & Parker K.
	Lector	Betty Hockersmith		Lector	Kay Hughes
	Gifts	Bea Albers & Pat Ryan		Gifts	J.L. & Carrie Evins
	Hospitality	Bea Albers & Pat Ryan		Hospitality	Russ & Angie Kahle

Sunday, May 24 th 8 am	Servers	Nick Robben
	Lectors	Nancy Schwarz & Doug Robben
	Gifts	Daryl & Judy Bixenman
	Ushers	Ray Schroeder, Bob & Eugene Schwarz, Tom Albers