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From the Pastor If you haven't heard, the battle for protecting all human beings right to life is coming to heated climax this summer. The Supreme Court, as it stands now, is poised to overturn the 1973 decision of *Roe vs. Wade*. This is a monumental moment not just for Pro-Life Movement, but for the United States as a whole. Many are angered by this possible decision, and others are overjoyed. The Catholic Church teaches that everyone has a right to life from conception to natural death. While the Catholic Church would prefer a complete ban on abortion, this is not what the decision will do. If *Roe vs Wade* is overturned, it will return the power to legislate abortion access/restrictions to the states. Unfortunately, here in Kansas, the Kansas Supreme Court ruled that the first article of the Kansas Bill of Rights includes the right to obtain an abortion in *Hodes and Nauser, MDs vs Schmidt* in 2019. This ruling prevents any legislation in Kansas from moving forward, even if *Roe vs Wade* is overturned. The only way this can be overturned is through an amendment to the Bill of Rights that is voted on by the people of Kansas. This August, such an amendment is on the ballot. It is called the Value Them Both Amendment. A simple majority among voters is all that is left to approve this amendment. This amendment includes parental notification, clinic and abortionists licensing, informed consent, and opens the door for the legislature to pass laws that restrict abortion access. Kansas would likely remain a destination state for abortions for some time until the Kansas Congress can pass laws restricting abortion access. While the hope for the overturning of *Roe vs Wade* is a great step forward in the Pro-Life movement, it is far from over, especially here in Kansas.

As I mentioned, voting in August is incredibly important this year. Pro-Life organizations in Kansas are trying to offset the voting in the urban areas by having a high turnout in the rural areas. If you have not registered to vote or have not updated your voting registration there are a couple of ways to do this. 1) visit the website <https://sos.ks.gov/forms/Elections/voterregistration.pdf>, 2) Go directly to the county clerk in your county, 3) there will be voter registration at the end of masses for the next 2 weeks.

**ST. JOSEPH NEWS:**

Value-Them-Both signs are available in the church. If for whatever you are challenged that you cannot have a political sign up yet, take it down and put it back up on June 19<sup>th</sup>.

St. Joseph Cemetery Cleanup (mow, trim etc.) will be held on Tuesday at 10am.

The dishes from any parish events will be stored in the east back room of the church. Please pick them up at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

**ST. PAUL NEWS:**

Sunday, May 22, the seniors will be recognized at Mass. Coffee and rolls will be served in the church basement.

**Our Tithes from last week:**  
 Oakley: \$5,104.00      Angelus: \$608.00



**DAILY SCHEDULE**

Sat 21 - 5pm Mass +Parishioners  
 Sun 22 - 8am Mass (Angelus) + Special Intention for our Senior Class  
 10:30am + Margie Schoenfeld  
 Mon 23 – NO MASS  
 Tues 24 – 7am Mass + Chuck Anderson  
 Wed 25 – 7:30am Mass (Angelus) + Ed & Irene Huelsman  
 Thur 26 – 7am Mass + Richard & Mary Anna Loftus  
 Fri 27 – 7am Mass + Vesta Ostmeyer  
 Sat 28 - 5pm Mass + Parishioners  
 Sun 29 - 8am Mass (Angelus) + Bonnie Lager  
 10:30am + Charlene Campbell-Goscha

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

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Saturday, May 28 <sup>th</sup> 5 pm	Servers	Volunteers	Sunday May 29 <sup>th</sup> 10:30am	Servers	Sarah, Danielle & Cody Polly
	Lectors	Micheline Huffman		Lectors	Cheri Weber
	EMHC's	None needed		EMHC's	None needed
	Gifts	Mike & Cassie Shirley		Gifts	Jerry & Darlene Chaput
	Hospitality	Mike & Cassie Shirley		Hospitality	Bob & Sherri Kuhlman

Sunday, May 29 <sup>th</sup> 8 am	Servers	LaRynn Rumback
	Lectors	Gary Ostmeyer & Ron Lager
	EMHC's	Bernice Rueschhoff
	Gifts/Hosp.	Bob & Nancy Schwarz
	Ushers	Eugene Schwarz, Tom Albers, Murray Baalman & Ron Bixenman