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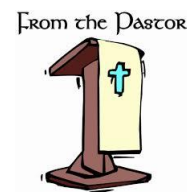
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From the Pastor

THE KANSAS PRIMARIES ARE JUST OVER A WEEK AWAY, AND AS IT HAS BEEN MENTIONED MANY TIMES OVER THE SUMMER THE “VALUE THEM BOTH” AMENDMENT TO THE KANSAS CONSTITUTION WILL BE ON THE BALLOT. THIS IS THE LANGUAGE OF THE AMENDMENT THAT WILL APPEAR ON THE BALLOT AND IN THE CONSTITUTION IF APPROVED THROUGH THE VOTE:

*“§ 22. Regulation of abortion. Because Kansans value both women and children, the constitution of the state of Kansas does not require government funding of abortion and does not create or secure a right to abortion. To the extent permitted by the constitution of the United States, the people, through their elected state representatives and state senators, may pass laws regarding abortion, including, but not limited to, laws that account for circumstances of pregnancy resulting from rape or incest, or circumstances of necessity to save the life of the mother.”* I have seen and heard many different takes on how this will be a negative for Kansas. Let me cover a couple briefly. The first comes from the last phrase, “circumstances to necessity to save the life of the mother.” Many if not all of these circumstances would be protected by Kansas law, but not only Kansas law, but morally as well. Ectopic pregnancies have become a focal point. These would morally fall under the Principle of Double Effect. This principle says that the means and the ends of desired outcome are good, however, with it comes an unintended evil consequence. In ectopic pregnancies, the desired outcome would be to save the life of the mother. To save the life of the mother, the damaged fallopian tube must be removed, which, in and of itself is not evil. However, in the removal of the damaged fallopian tube, it ends a life. The ending of this life, though evil, is unintended. Thus, the morality of saving the life of a mother with an ectopic pregnancy would fall under the Principle of Double Effect. The second is miscarriages. This one is much simpler. Miscarriages are natural abortions. For whatever reason, the body of the mother senses something wrong with the pregnancy, or other factors, and naturally aborts the pregnancy. This in no way would morally be wrong. How can it when a miscarriage occurs naturally? I have met many mothers, I would go as far as to say the majority, who have had the unfortunate case of experiencing a miscarriage. If any legislature would put forward a bill to penalize miscarriages, it would be an egregious overstep, and should be fought against. These examples are important, but in no way should play a part in voting yes for the “Value Them Both” Amendment.

**THE 2022 RURAL LIFE DAY** will be at St. Fidelis Church in Victoria on Sunday, August 14th, beginning at 3:00 P.M. with a prayer service in the Basilica. The featured event of Rural Life Day is the Msgr. John George Weber Century Farm awards. These awards are presented to families who have lived on farms in the Diocese of Salina, or have farmed land in the diocese, or owned farms in the diocese for 100 years or more. With each award, the family relates a brief (5 minutes or so) history of how the family came to own or live on the farm, as well as significant events of the family over the past 100 years, and the importance faith played in these family events. Applications may be obtained on the diocesan website under Rural Life. Please fill out the application including the name of the first family member to own or farm the land; their children, and the succession of family members to own or

farm the land. We would also appreciate the family history of the farm and significant events and the importance and growth of faith over the years. Family photos will be taken on Rural Life Day and the family pictures and histories will be printed in The Register. The application is due August 1st to Rural Life Commission, 215 W. 13th Street, Hays, KS 67601. For additional information or if you have questions, contact Fr. Richard Daise, 785-625-7356 or [frrich@sacredheartcolby.com](mailto:frrich@sacredheartcolby.com). You may also contact Francis Goeckel, 402-239-8519 or Tom Murphy, 913-558-9223.

The Parish Pool Party will be Saturday, August 6th from 7pm-9pm. As usual, root beer floats and ice cream sundaes will be provided. Hope you are all able to come and enjoy fellowship with each other.

As you have heard in the last couple of months, the west parking lot, the front steps and the tuck-pointing will hopefully be getting repaired soon. To prepare for the cost of these repairs, I would like to raise \$50,000 for these projects. The parking lot alone is \$25,000. These are much needed repairs, and are not only practical but also will make our church building more aesthetically pleasing. Thank you

**2022 Diocesan Men’s Conference** is set for Saturday, Aug. 13, at Immaculate Heart of Mary parish in Hays. The theme is “Guarding the Faith”! Keynote speaker is Dr. Mario Enzler, former Swiss Guard, and renowned Catholic speaker. Register online by visiting [salinadiocese.org/office/family-life/](http://salinadiocese.org/office/family-life/)

**The Salina Diocesan of Catholic Women Convention** will be held Saturday, Aug. 20, at St. Nicholas of Myra Church. There is a \$30 charge you can pre-register now online at [Salinadiocese.org](http://Salinadiocese.org). Registration will begin at 8am and Mass will be at 11am with Bishop Gerald Vincke. A catered luncheon will be served and a raffle will be held. Sara Hart, a leading figure in contemporary Catholic music will be featured. If you would like to carpool please call Betty Hockersmith at 785 672-7413.

**St. Joseph Bible Study: Seven Deadly Sins Seven Lively Virtues** this summer at 10:00 on Tuesday mornings in the church basement. We are watching Bishop Barron's video talks. All are welcome.

**Our Tithes from Last Week:**  
 Oakley: \$12,769.00 Angelus: \$1,947.00

**DAILY SCHEDULE**

Sat 23 – 5pm Mass + Weber/Moorhous Families  
 Sun 24 - 8am Mass (Angelus) + Parishioners  
 10:30am + Loretta Schoenfeld  
 Mon 25 – No Mass  
 Tues 26 – 7am Mass + Jake Weber  
 Wed 27 – 7:30am (Angelus) Mass + Viola Richmeier  
 Thur 28 – 7am Mass + Roger K. Meitl  
 Fri 29 – 7am Mass + Jim Muehlenkamp  
 Sat 30 – 5pm Mass + Carolyn Denchfield  
 Sun 31 - 8am Mass (Angelus) - Parishioners  
 10:30am + Allie Chaput

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

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Saturday, July 30 <sup>th</sup> 5 pm	Servers	Volunteers	Sunday July 31 <sup>st</sup> 10:30am	Servers	Corbin B, Alexa W & Karsyn O.
	Lectors	Tom Halbleib		Lectors	Cheri Weber
	EMHC’s	None needed		EMHC’s	None needed
	Gifts	Mike & Cassie Shirley		Gifts	Mike & Katie Chrisler
	Hospitality	Mason & Hannah Scheetz		Hospitality	Brad & Vicky Joseph

Sunday, July 31 <sup>st</sup> 8 am	Servers	LaRynn Rumback
	Lectors	Barney Dickman & Gary Ostmeyer
	EMHC’s	Elsie Rietcheck
	Gifts/Hosp.	Jason & Olivia Fellhoelter
	Ushers	Jim Fellhoelter, Jason Fellhoelter, Steve Fellhoelter & Ron Lager