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From the Pastor



From a homily on the Assumption by Pope St. John Paul II: Today the pilgrim Church in history joins in the Blessed Virgin Mary's canticle of exultation; the Church expresses her joy and praises God because the Mother of the Lord enters triumphantly into heavenly glory. The definitive fulfilment of the meaning of the words that Mary spoke in response to Elizabeth's greeting at Ain-Karin: "He who is mighty has done great things for me" (Lk 1:49), appears in the mystery of her Assumption. Through the paschal victory that followed Christ's death, deeply united with the mystery of the Son of God, the Virgin of Nazareth uniquely shared in its saving effects. With her "yes" she fully cooperated with the divine will; she intimately shared in Christ's mission and was the first to enter into glory after him, in body and soul, in the integrity of her humanity. Mary's "yes" becomes joy to all who were in darkness and the shadow of death. Indeed, through her the Lord of life came into the world. Believers rejoice and venerate her as Mother of the children redeemed by Christ. They contemplate her today, in particular, as a "sign of hope and comfort" for every person and for every people on the way to the eternal homeland. Dear brothers and sisters, let us turn our eyes to the Virgin whom the liturgy invites us to invoke as she who breaks the chains of the oppressed, brings light to the blind, drives away every evil and implores every good for us.

Seminarians: This weekend is the seminarian collection. We have six new seminarians for the Diocese of Salina, bringing our number up to 10 for the 2022-2023 school year. It is exciting to see these men taking courage to enter into seminary and discern a possible call to the Holy Priesthood. The number of priests in our diocese is concerning for several reasons, and we have a long way to go to get back to a number of priests that provides for the many needs of the diocese. Fr. Josh Werth, Co-Vocations Director, made an important point on the necessity of sacrifice on the part of everyone. Prayer and fasting (sacrifice) are to be done together in order to commit ourselves to an important cause. While prayer and fasting are good by themselves, they are even more powerful when practiced together. I encourage all of us to pick a time during the week to fast and pray for vocations in specific way. Please continue to pray for an increase of vocations to all vocations (priesthood, marriage and religious life).

PRAYER FOR PRIESTLY VOCATIONS: O Lord, My God, please raise up an army of priests from the sons of the Diocese of Salina. Priests that will carry Your merciful words of absolution upon their lips. Priests that will anoint our loved ones with Your Holy Oil in sickness and at the hour of their death. Priests who will fearlessly proclaim the Gospel in season and out. Priests who will offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for our salvation. Dearest Mother Mary, fill the hearts of mothers and fathers of our diocese with joy as their sons discern a call into the Holy Orders of Christ's Eternal Priesthood. We ask this with humble hearts through the Holy Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

August 15th: The Solemnity of the Assumption – This solemnity falls on a Monday this year, and thus the obligation to attend mass is lifted. There will still be masses offered at both parishes to celebrate our Blessed Mother's entry into heaven, body and soul.

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.

Eucharistic Revival: Every Monday there will be a new reflection on the Eucharist posted on the Diocese of Salina social media pages as well as on the diocesan website. To access the Eucharistic Revival page, click the learn more banner at the top of the Diocese of Salina home page, salinadiocese.org.

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.

Donna Engel has moved to Harry Hynes Hospice at Via Christi St. Francis, Wichita, KS. If you would like to call (316-265-9441) or send a card to 313 S, Market St., Wichita, KS. 67202.

St. Paul News: After mass Sunday, August 28th, the parish council and I will be introducing the plans for the painting project for St. Paul's. We do have one part of the project that is up for general consideration and input. All are welcome to attend, but input will be for parishioners only. We are excited to present this to you all as we truly believe it will be a wonderful update for the parish as a whole and for the future of St. Paul's parish.

St. Joseph News:

St. Joseph School begins on August 23rd. If you have any beef or fresh garden vegetables/fruit that you would be willing to donate, please call the school at 785-671-4451. Thank you for your continued support!

Our Tithes from Last Week:

Oakley: \$6,646.00 Angelus: \$626.00

DAILY SCHEDULE

Sat 13 – 5pm Mass + Bob Huelsman
 Sun 14 - 8am Mass (Angelus) + Royce Fellhoelter
 10:30am - Parishioners
 Mon 15 – 7:30am Mass (Angelus) + Robert "Bob" Robben
 5:30pm Mass + Nora Meerian
 School Council Meeting at 6:15
 Parish Council Meeting at 8pm
 Tues 16 – 7am Mass + Evelyn Engel
 Wed 17 – 7:30am Mass(Angelus) + Sp. Intention for
 Bernie & Bonnie Huelsman
 Thur 18 – 7am Mass + Joey Weber
 Fri 19 – 7am Mass + Stan Stephens
 Sat 20 – 5pm Mass + Deceased members of the
 Glassman/Mader Family
 Sun 21 - 8am Mass (Angelus) - Parishioners
 10:30am + Chuck Anderson

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

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Saturday, Aug 20 th 5 pm	Servers	Volunteers	Sunday Aug 21 st 10:30am	Servers	Danielle P, Peyton & Nolin K.
	Lectors	Elaine Wycoff		Lectors	Marylou VanEaton
	EMHC's	None needed		EMHC's	None needed
	Gifts	Mason & Hannah Scheetz		Gifts	Danny & Delores Lockhart
	Hospitality	Mason & Hannah Scheetz		Hospitality	Danny & Delores Lockhart

Sunday, Aug 21 st 8 am	Servers	LaRynn Rumback
	Lectors	Bill Kuhlman & Ron Lager
	EMHC's	Bernice Rueschhoff
	Gifts/Hosp.	Joe & Jeannie Rehmer
	Ushers	Rodney Mense, Larry Mense, Gary Ostmeyer & Jeff Ostmeyer