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From the Pastor



The First Precept of the Catholic Church: You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation. "At the minimum, observance of Sundays and Holy Days means attending Mass and avoiding servile work on these days. The problem of servile work is tricky; many have very little choice about when they work. But following the precept means that we should arrange our affairs, insofar as we can, in a way that at least minimally enables us to properly honor the feasts in question. The requirement may be minimal, but the reality is very deep. We ought to think about what it would mean to our spiritual growth if we truly arranged our lives to take full advantage of Sundays and holy days, disposing ourselves to honor Christ, Our Lady, the saints and the Church by joyfully participating in her celebrations, taking ample time for spiritual reflection, and marking the feasts with other signs of joy (such as special meals) which help the mysteries of faith to seep into our very bones. The Liturgical Year section on CatholicCulture.org can be a particular help in this regard, providing numerous suggestions for families to bring the various feasts to life, frequently employing customs and forming habits that have long since faded from our culture. The feasts (and fasts) of the Church are meant to sanctify every aspect of culture, claiming everything for Christ. Fulfilling this precept should not be a matter of grudgingly attending the Mass which interferes least with our other plans, and then taking advantage of the rest of the day to pursue a series of totally unrelated pleasures. Relaxation is, of course, an important way of observing a feast, but so are prayers, the development of family traditions, sharing the day and the meal with friends, and (as Pope John Paul II noted in *On Keeping the Lord's Day*) visiting and helping those in need." (Dr. Jeff Mirus) "Since the Eucharist is the very heart of Sunday, it is clear why, from the earliest centuries, the Pastors of the Church have not ceased to remind the faithful of the need to take part in the liturgical assembly. "Leave everything on the Lord's Day", urges the third century text known as the Didascalia, "and run diligently to your assembly, because it is your praise of God. Otherwise, what excuse will they make to God, those who do not come together on the Lord's Day to hear the word of life and feed on the divine nourishment which lasts forever?". The faithful have generally accepted this call of the Pastors with conviction of soul and, although there have been times and situations when this duty has not been perfectly met, one should never forget the genuine heroism of priests and faithful who have fulfilled this obligation even when faced with danger and the denial of religious freedom, as can be documented from the first centuries of Christianity up to our own time." (From the Apostolic Letter *On Keeping the Lord's Day (Dies Domini)* by Pope John Paul II).

RCIA - If you or someone you know are or might be interested in joining the Catholic Church, please contact Fr. Luke or Deacon Dennis to begin the process.

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 News: St. Joseph School began on August 23rd. If you have any pork, 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!

St. Catherine D of I meeting Thursday afternoon, September 8th, 1:00 p.m. at the annex.

St. Joseph Bible Study: We will begin a new study in two or three weeks on Tuesday mornings following the 8:30 St. Joseph School Mass. If interested, please text 785-672-0479 or call 785-671-3350 for more information.

Holy Land Pilgrimage: They often refer to it as the 5th Gospel. Walking in the footsteps of Jesus in the Holy Land opens the eyes of the Christian to a new view of the life of Christ. Join Fr. Brian Lager and Fr. Scott Bailey (from Denver) on an 11 day pilgrimage to the Holy Land. September 4-14, 2023. Please email Fr. Brian Lager: pastor@sacredheartcolby.com for more information. Spots are filling up fast!

St. Paul News:

K of C Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 6th at 7:00 pm at the Hall in Angelus.

Donna Engel Funeral Services: Visitation will be Wednesday, September 7th, from 6pm - 8pm with the Vigil at 7pm. Funeral Mass is Thursday, September 8th, at 10am.

Our Tithes from Last Week:
 Oakley: \$3691.00 Angelus: \$2803.00

DAILY SCHEDULE

Sat 03 – 5pm Mass - Parishioners
 Sun 04 – 8am Mass (Angelus) + Don Boeger
 10:30am + Pauline Zimmerman
 Mon 05 – No Mass
 Tues 06 – 8:30am Mass + Clara Zimmerman
 7pm Angelus K of C Meeting
 Wed 07 – 7:30am Mass (Angelus) + Jerry Baalman
 7pm Mass/CCD Registration + Leroy Heinrich
 6pm-8pm (Angelus) – Donna Engel Visitation/Vigil
 Thur 08 – 8:30am Mass + Hilda Moellering
 10am (Angelus) – Donna Engel Funeral Mass
 Fri 09 – 7am Mass + Beatta Robben
 11:30am Mass/Grandparents Day + Todd Kuhlman
 Sat 10 – 5pm Mass + Reynold Moellering
 Sun 11 – 8am Mass (Angelus) + Myla Dawes
 10:30am - Parishioners

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

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Saturday, Sept 10 th 5 pm	Servers	Volunteers	Sunday Sept 11 th 10:30am	Servers	Jethro & Thomas C, Cody P.
	Lectors	Elaine Wycoff		Lectors	Mike Kuhlman
	EMHC's	None needed		EMHC's	None needed
	Gifts	Terry & Betty Hockersmith		Gifts	Mike & Katie Chrisler
	Hospitality	Terry & Betty Hockersmith		Hospitality	Marvin & Rosanne LaBarge

Sunday, Sept 11 th 8 am	Servers	LaRynn Rumback
	Lectors	Nancy Schwarz & Barney Dickman
	EMHC's	Elsie Rietcheck
	Gifts/Hosp.	Don & Dorothy Schroeder
	Ushers	Joe Rehmer, Ron Rietcheck, Jay Rietcheck & Ray Schroeder