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FROM THE PASTOR



4th Precept of the Catholic Church: Observance of Days of Fast and Abstinence - Under current disciplines in the Latin Rite, rules of fast and abstinence are kept to a remarkable minimum in comparison with earlier times, so there is very little to observe at present. There is, in fact, just enough to establish an important principle: The Church has authority to impose such spiritual disciplines on the faithful as she alone thinks most conducive to their spiritual well-being. We may of course engage in much more strenuous penitential exercises as we see fit, but obedience to the Church is a far higher response than the fulfillment of our own desires. Such obedience recognizes that “he who hears you hears me” (Lk 10:16). Note carefully that the whole Scripture passage is far more gripping: “But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say, “Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off against you; nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near.” I tell you, it shall be more tolerable on that day for Sodom than for that town. “Woe to you, Chorazin! woe to you, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. But it shall be more tolerable in the judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you. And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You shall be brought down to Hades.” He who hears you hears me, and he who rejects you rejects me, and he who rejects me rejects him who sent me.” (Lk 10:10-17) In this precept, the Church insists in a special way on her own authority as the authority of Christ. No Catholic should be able to enumerate this fourth precept without reflecting on his relationship with this Church which, in every conceivable way, represents Christ. Not only the major teachings but even the most minor disciplines of the Church should be meat and drink to our spiritual lives, received with gratitude, performed with reverence and joy. To take this approach is to derive enormous spiritual benefit, no matter how small the sacrifice. Yet to think and act otherwise really is to reject God. – Dr. Jeffrey Mirus

Cantors Needed: Music adds a special solemnity to the holy sacrifice of the mass. Singing is an ancient tradition that far precedes the Catholic Church. If you haven’t noticed, we even let our grade school youth cantor and they do a great job! However, our numbers are running thin, so if anyone would like to cantor at mass on the weekends, please contact Heliana Halbleib. Her info is on the left side of the bulletin.

Imaculee Ilizibagia will be at St. Francis Cabrini in Hoxie on Saturday, November 19th. Registration is at 8:30 and the retreat is from 9am – 3:30pm, ending with mass. She is the author of many books, her first being “Left Behind” which tells her incredible story of her family’s executions in Rwanda, how she was hidden for months, and her path to forgiveness through the Rosary. Register online at www.immaculee.com. Scroll down to Retreats. Cost

is \$76, but if you register with a friend, it’s only \$38 each. If you have any questions, please call Chris Niblock at 785-675-8703.

St. Joseph News:

St. Joseph Bible Study: Hebrews: The New and Eternal Covenant on Tuesday mornings in the church basement following the 8:30 St. Joseph School Mass.

Did you know that all ladies in the diocese are a part of this! These meetings are a wonderful opportunity to learn more about our faith and get know some other awesome women! The West Vicariate meeting will be held Wednesday, October 12, at the St. Agnes Educational Center in Grainfield, Ks. Registration with coffee and rolls will be from 9-9:30 A.M. The meeting will start soon after that around 9:45 A.M. The ladies from St. Agnes will also provide a lunch with a free will donation. Please plan to come and enjoy the day with fellowship and fun. To carpool call Betty Hockersmith at 672-7413.

CYO News:

The Annual Diocesan Youth Convention is November 12th-13th in Salina. Be inspired by keynote speaker Joel Stepanek and spend time with other high school youth from our diocese. There will be prayer, Mass, speakers, and fun awaiting you. Cost is \$50.00. Sign up today to reserve your space! For more information, contact Barb Hemmert by October 19, 2022.

St. Paul News:

Please remember as we gear up for our capital campaign “Beauty Given, Beauty Experienced”, we need as many contacts and their information as possible as soon as possible. Please give all contact information to either Fr. Luke or Teresa Stephens via e-mail or letter. Thank you!

Our Tithes from Last Week:
 Oakley: \$4159.00 Angelus: \$681.00

DAILY SCHEDULE

Sat 24 – 10am – Funeral Mass for Lil Ludwig
 5pm Mass – Parishioners

Sun 25 – 8am Mass (Angelus) + Father Roger K. Meitl
 10:30am + Jim Muehlenkamp

Mon 26 – No Mass

Tues 27 – 8:30am Mass + Evelyn Engel

Wed 28 – 7:30am Mass (Angelus) + Bernice Heier
 7pm CCD Classes (Oak. Confirmation meet in the church)

Thur 29 – 8:30am Mass + Weber/Moorhous Families

Fri 30 – 7am Mass + Deceased unbaptized babies

Sat 01 – 5pm Mass + Bob George

Sun 02 – 8am Mass (Angelus) + Charla Moos
 10:30am - Parishioners

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

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Saturday, Oct 1 st 5 pm	Servers	Volunteers	Sunday Oct 2 nd 10:30am	Servers	Ava G, Alexa W & Karsyn O.
	Lectors	Micheline Huffman		Lectors	Cheri Weber
	EMHC's	None needed		EMHC's	None needed
	Gifts	Darren & Tori Goetz		Gifts	Brad & Vicky Joseph
	Hospitality	Frank Kaiser & Pat Ryan		Hospitality	Brad & Vicky Joseph

Sunday, Oct 2 nd 8 am	Servers	LaRynn Rumback
	Lectors	Bill Kuhlman & Ron Lager
	EMHC's	Bernice Rueschhoff
	Gifts/Hosp.	Loren & Teresa Stephens
	Ushers	Bob Schwarz, Eugene Schwarz, Tom Albers & Murray Baalman