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From the Pastor



This week we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints and the feast of All Souls. These are, personally, a couple of my favorite days to celebrate. It commemorates all those who are now experiencing the beatific vision, those known (big S Saint) and unknown (little s saint) to us, and the power that they hold by doing so. The saints remind us that holiness is not reserved for the wealthy or those who have been pious their whole lives, but the path of holiness is unique to each individual, we just have to choose to travel our path. The feast of All Souls is a beautiful reminder that we are called to pray for those in purgatory who wait to enter into the heavenly kingdom. Our prayers for the freeing of their souls are a hope that, when they are freed, they will pray for us in turn. Let us this week implore the intercession of all the Saints and pray earnestly for those who await the kingdom.

**The Solemnity of All Saints is a Holy Day of Obligation.** Mass times can be found in the weekly schedule portion of the bulletin. There will be 3 masses for All Souls. Weather permitting, the mass in Angelus and the 10:30am mass in Oakley will be in the cemeteries.

When I came back from convocation, I gave an overview of what was discussed and some of the possible difficulties the Diocese of Salina faces in the very near future. Bishop Vincke mentioned at convocation that he wants to hear from the lay people about their vision for the future of ministry in the Diocese of Salina. I would encourage those, especially from Angelus to attend if you can, because the topic of closings/limited mass times will most definitely come up. The listening sessions will be like the synod listening sessions last spring. The closest one is at Sacred Heart in Colby on October 30<sup>th</sup> at 3pm.

Colby	Oct 30, 3pm	Tipton	Nov 6, 2pm
Salina, St. E,	Oct 30, 2pm	Norton	Nov 13, 2pm
	Manhattan, STM,		Nov 13, 2pm

Lastly here are the questions that will be asked and discussed:

1. Given the changing demographics in our diocese, along with the shortage of priests, how is this going to affect us in the future?
2. What can we do to keep our parish more viable? What am I able to bring to this future direction?
3. Where might the Holy Spirit be leading us?

Online giving is now an option here at St. Joseph's. If you wish to take advantage of this amenity, please use the web address at the end of this blurb. If you wish to set up online giving, but are nervous doing it yourself, please drop by the office and Fr. Luke will help you get set up. Again, this is an option, weekly envelopes will still be provided. <https://osvhub.com/sjoakley/giving/funds>

Veterans Day Mass, Thursday, Nov. 10 at 8:30 and then coffee, rolls, and fellowship at the school at 9:15. All veterans and spouses are invited.

St. Joseph 5th Grade invites the parish to come and watch them present their Saint Speeches at the school on Thursday, Nov. 10 @ 12:45.

**Catholic Charities Diaper Drive:** From October 24<sup>th</sup> – November 11<sup>th</sup>, Catholic Charities is doing a diaper drive. If you would like to participate, bring a box of diapers (preferably sizes 4,5, and 6) by November 11<sup>th</sup> to St. Joseph Grade School.

**Roast Beef Dinner/Smorgasbord:** Due to some scheduling conflicts, the “Smorgasbord” has been moved to November 6<sup>th</sup> instead of the opening weekend of pheasant/quail season (which is November 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> this year). Flyers are on the bulletin boards. This replaces the annual smorgasbord so sorry, no turkey, etc this year.

Beginning Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> Teresa Stephens will be in the parish office on Tuesday instead of Wednesday.

**Poinsettias** – Orders for both parishes have already been placed at “Everything’s-a-Bloomin’”. If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in memory of a loved one, please contact the store and they will reserve one for you.

Join us December 3<sup>rd</sup> at St. Joseph’s School’s 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter Blast Dinner and Auction, “Christmas Vacation”. Tables (seats 8) are \$300 and single seats are \$40. Ask about our \$100 Christmas Bonus Ticket, for a chance to win any live auction item you choose. We are also accepting donations for the live and silent auction. Don’t forget to wear your ugliest sweater or Christmas Vacation Costume. Tickets are on sale now. Call the school office for more information 785-671-4451.

**St. Joseph News:**

**D OF I MEETING** – The Daughters of Isabella, St. Catherine Circle #686, invite all catholic women from all parishes to be our guest at our November open meeting and social, Thursday, November 10, 2022. Memorial service and mass will begin at 11:20 a.m. A potluck lunch will follow in the annex and the meeting will start at approximately 1:30 p.m. All women are asked to consider joining this charitable organization to serve the Lord in your daily lives. For more information please contact Elaine Wycoff 785/953-0361 or Betty Hockersmith 785/672-7413 or Rose LaBarge 785/672-0479.

<b>Our Tithes from Last Week:</b>	
Oakley: \$3815.00	Angelus: \$4102.94.

**DAILY SCHEDULE**

Sat	29 – 5pm Mass + Parishioners
Sun	30 – 8am Mass (Angelus) - Special Int. for Alfreda Stephens 10:30am Mass + Cale Evins
Mon	31 – 6:30pm Mass + Jim Robben Sr.
Tues	01 – 6:50am Mass + Pauline Zimmerman 8:30am Mass + Clara Zimmerman 7pm Mass (Angelus) + Evelyn Broxterman
Wed	02 – 8:30am Mass (Angelus) + Bernadelle “Bunny” Schroeder 10:30am (Cemetery) Mass + All Faithfull Departed 7pm CCD Mass Oakley - Children Who Suffer – Pope’s int. CCD in Angelus at 7pm
Thur	03 – 8:30am Mass + Beatta Robben
Fri	04 – 7am Mass + LeRoy Heinrich 7pm – Adoration & Confessions 8am – Confessions 9am – Mass
Sat	05 – 5pm Mass - Parishioners
Sun	06 – 8am Mass (Angelus) + Anthony Feldt 10:30am Mass + Jim Muehlenkamp

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

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Saturday, Nov 5 <sup>th</sup> 5 pm	Servers	Volunteers	Sunday Nov 6 <sup>th</sup> 10:30am	Servers	Alexa W, Karsyn O & Carter K.
	Lectors	Betty Hockersmith		Lectors	Tom Halbleib
	EMHC's	None needed		EMHC's	None needed
	Gifts	Alan & Joyce Kuhn		Gifts	Mason & Hannah Scheetz
	Hospitality	Bea Albers & Pat Ryan		Hospitality	Mason & Hannah Scheetz

Sunday, Nov 6 <sup>th</sup> 8 am	Servers	Natalie Bixenman
	Lectors	Doug Robben & Gary Ostmeyer
	EMHC's	Elsie Rietcheck
	Gifts/Hosp.	Jim & Kristy Fellhoelter
	Ushers	Bob Schwarz, Eugene Schwarz, Tom Albers & Murray Baalman