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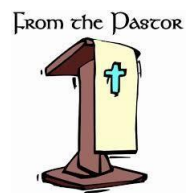
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FROM THE PASTOR

This Wednesday marks the beginning of our 40 day journey through Lent to the great celebration of Easter. Each year we prepare ourselves for this celebration through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. These three disciplines have been applied in different ways throughout the history of the Church, but they have been practiced for centuries, nonetheless. Countless saints attest the need for the faithful to adhere to these disciplines for the good of their soul. And even more, to make ones Lenten practices in such a way that they extend beyond just these 40 days. Yes, for a while it is more intensified time of scrutinizing one’s life and how to better it whether through the giving up of something or taking on a practice, but what good is the season if in some way this does not carry on after the season of Lent is over? Did you really better yourself for the long journey that is the spiritual life? I encourage all of us to pray diligently about how to not just live a holier life during Lent, but to set ourselves up for a holier life after this season is concluded.

I will once again be leading a Lenten Study this year. We will be diving into the events of Holy Week using Pope Benedict XVI’s book *Jesus of Nazareth: Holy Week – From the Entrance into Jerusalem to the Resurrection*. While the book is helpful to follow along, it is not necessary. If one simply reads the passages from each of the Gospels that we will be covering, one will be able to follow along easy enough. To begin **Oakley** will meet on Thursday evening at 6:30pm in the Conference Room of the rectory (if it is not big enough, we will move to the school). I will keep it at that time unless only the weekly bible study people show, and then I will move it to Thursday mornings. **Angelus** will have their sessions on Tuesday evenings (not this Tuesday though, since it’s not Lent yet) at 7:30pm in the church basement. The first session will be on the two events of the entrance into Jerusalem and the washing of the feet. Hope to see there.

ST. JOSEPH NEWS

Bible Study: Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible will meet on Tuesday morning, Feb 21st in the conference room at St. Joseph rectory after the 8:30 SJS Mass.

St. Joseph School Kindergarten Screening – On February 23rd, St. Joseph School will be having Kindergarten screening for children coming to St. Joseph Kindergarten for the 2023-2024 school year. Children must be 5 on or before August 31st, 2023. Parents do not need to stay for the screening. It takes approximately 30 minutes. Areas screened are motor skills, communication, and academic readiness. Please call 785-671-4451 to schedule a screening time.

ST. PAUL NEWS

Capital Campaign Update: It was a slower week this week as far as receiving pledge cards back. We received a few, but not substantial enough to really move much above last weeks numbers. Thus, we are around \$540,000 pledged and around \$170,000 in the bank. Thank you for your continued support.

Congratulations to Hutten Tyler Gillespie, son of Tucker & Tenille Gillespie and Madix Jolynn Hageman, daughter of Tracy & Trisha Hageman on their baptism today.

Our Tithes from Last Week

Oakley: \$8395.00 Angelus: \$560.00

DAILY SCHEDULE

Sat	18 – 5:00pm Mass - Parishioners
Sun	19 – 8am Mass (Angelus) + Patsy Ostmeyer 10:30am Mass + Lois Koster Davis
Mon	20 – NO Mass
Tues	21 – 8:15am Mass + Vesta Ostmeyer 9:30 Bible Study in the Conference Room
Wed	22 – 12:07pm + Bobby Samsel 6:00pm + Helen Ostmeyer 7:45pm (Angelus) Mass + Dorothy Ann Schroeder Angelus/Oakley CCD Classes at 7pm
Thur	23 – 8:30am Mass + George & Dorothy Ladenburger
Fri	24 – 7am Mass + Wilfred & Donna Engel 7pm – Stations of the Cross at both parishes
Sat	25 – 5:00pm Mass + Linda Rumback
Sun	26 – 8am Mass (Angelus) + Leon Fellhoelter 10:30am Mass - Parishioners



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

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Saturday, Feb 25 th 5 pm	Servers	Volunteers	Sunday Feb 26 th 10:30am	Servers	Danielle & Sarah P, Peyton K.
	Lectors	Micheline Huffman		Lectors	Kay Hughes
	Gifts	Alan & Joyce Kuhn		Gifts	Terry & Betty Hockersmith
	Hospitality	Jerry & Darlene Chaput		Hospitality	Terry & Betty Hockersmith

Sunday, Feb 26 th 8:00 am	Servers	LaRynn Rumback
	Lectors	Doug Robben & Ron Lager
	EMHC's	Millie Baalman
	Gifts/Hosp.	Ron & Nancy Bixenman
	Ushers	Joe Rehmer, Ron Rietcheck, Jay Rietcheck & Doug Robben