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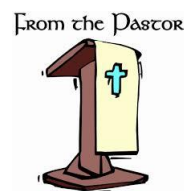
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**From the Pastor**

One of the hardest things in life to learn is what takes priority. The Lenten season can easily bring about the thought of, “Am I doing enough?” Let us look at the life of St. Frances of Rome as an example to this question. St. Frances was a wife, mother, and founder of a religious order. She came from a wealthy family, and was given in marriage to wealthy young man, despite her desire to lead a contemplative life. With her sister-in-law (her husband’s brother’s wife) they used their wealth and social status to begin helping the poorest of the poor. However, eventually she had children and her priorities shifted from serving the poor to her family. It wasn’t that she totally gave up helping the poor, but her main priority was her vocation to marriage and family life. She lived this out well, and her family thrived because of it, but Frances continued to hold the esteem of those who followed her in the mission to serve the poor. As the plague swept through Italy, she lost her son and daughter, and she opened part of her home as a hospital. During this time she founded her religious order, but remained at home with her husband until his death seven years later. She then moved into the house with her order and remained there until her death. She shows us how to prioritize our lives. It doesn’t mean that serving the poor, taking care of the needs of the church, or serving one’s family are not all good things, but depending on one’s stage in life and one’s vocation will change which items take priority. Do not let the fear of not doing enough prevent you from doing what one is called to do in your vocation at the present time.

**Preschool Pre-Enrollment:** We are now taking Preschool applications for the 2023-24 school year. If you are interested please contact the school at 785-671-4451 or complete the St. Joseph Preschool form located in the back of the church.

**School Carnival:** St. Joseph School Carnival will be held on Sunday, April 30. We are getting ready to prepare raffle tickets and could use your donation. If you wish to donate, please call the school at 785-671-4451 or email us at [schooloffice@sjoakley.org](mailto:schooloffice@sjoakley.org) before Tuesday, March 21. Thank you for your continued support!

**ST. JOSEPH NEWS**

**Lenten Bible Study** – Oakley – Thursday March 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the conference room: Session #4 – Chapters 6 (The Garden of Gethsemane: Matthew 26:36-56; Mark 14:32-52; Luke 22:39-53; John 18:1-14) & 7 (The Trial of Jesus: Matthew 26:57-68, 27:1-2, 11-31; Mark 14:53-65, 15:1-20; Luke 22:66-23:25; John 18:19-24, 28-40, 19:1-16)

**Oakley K of C Fish Fry on March 24<sup>th</sup>** fried fish, cheesy potatoes, coleslaw, Texas toast. 5-7 pm. Free will donation


**TEMPORARY COOK NEEDED: St. Joseph School** is looking for someone to cook at the school from April 11 - May 19 as the cook is going to be having surgery. If you are interested in helping, please call the school or Michelle Selzer.

**From the Immaculate Conception Church in Grinnell:** The St. Patrick’s Day Dinner & Raffle will be on Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. No Mass that day. Dinner will be from 11:00 to 1:00. This year’s raffle will be an ALL-CASH RAFFLE, with tickets at \$20 each. The top prize will be \$1,000. There will be two \$500 prizes, and at least 10 or more \$100 prizes depending on ticket sales. We will begin the raffle after 12:30. The meal is free will offering.

**ST. PAUL NEWS**

**Lenten Bible Study** - Angelus: Session #3 – Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the church basement. We will be covering the Last Supper (Matthew 26:17-30; Mark 14:12-26; Luke 22:7-20)

**Capital Campaign Update:** \$580K pledged and \$239K in the bank. Thank you for your continued support!!!!



**Our Tithes from Last Week**

Oakley: \$3480.00     Angelus: \$612.00

**DAILY SCHEDULE**

Sat	11 – 5:00pm Mass - Parishioners
Sun	12 – 8am Mass (Angelus) + Jim Stephens 10:30am Mass + Ron Kuhlman
Mon	13 – NO Mass
Tues	14 – 7am Mass + George & Dorothy Ladenburger 7:30pm Angelus Lenten Bible Study
Wed	15 – 7:30am(Angelus) + Paul Spexarth
Thur	16 – 7am Mass + Dave Wessel 6:30pm Oakley Lenten Bible Study
Fri	17 – 7am Mass + Cale Evins 7pm – Stations of the Cross at both parishes
Sat	18 – 5:00pm Mass + Carolyn Denchfield
Sun	19 – 8am Mass (Angelus) - Parishioners 10:30am Mass + Pauline Zimmerman

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

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Saturday, Mar 18 <sup>th</sup> 5 pm	Servers	Volunteers	Sunday Mar 19 <sup>th</sup> 10:30am	Servers	Ivan, Isabelle & Peyton
	Lectors	Wendy Glassman		Lectors	Mike Kuhlman
	Gifts	Jerry & Darlene Chaput		Gifts	Matt & Michelle Selzer
	Hospitality	Jerry & Darlene Chaput		Hospitality	Marvin & Rosanne LaBarge

Sunday, Mar 19 <sup>th</sup> 8:00 am	Servers	LaRynn Rumback
	Lectors	Millie Baalman & Bill Kuhlman
	EMHC	Steve Fellhoelter
	Gifts	Ron & Linda Lager
	Hospitality	Ray Schroeder, Eugene Schwarz, Bob Schwarz & Ron Bixenman