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**From the Pastor** As we begin the month of May, a month to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary, I would like to remind you all of the traveling Mary statue. It was started back in the early 2000's and she has been making her rounds ever since. The main focus was to bring the family together and reinforce prayer as a family unit. I would encourage families to take advantage of this resource, especially families that still have kids in the home, but it is for everyone. If you are interested in having this Marian statue at your house, please contact Cheri Weber.

On May 10<sup>th</sup> at 2pm at St. Joseph's, we will be having a Memorial Mass for Parents who have Lost a Child. The number of parents who have lost a child is large, whether due to miscarriage, still born, or multiple circumstances after birth. In my short time as a priest, the number of times I have heard parents, especially mothers, blame themselves for their child's death is heart-wrenching. I hope those of you who have lost a child, under any circumstance, will make time to come and be with others who are in the same boat. There will be a light reception afterwards with a slide-show and sharing of memories. It is not required, but you can register on the front page of the diocesan website (<https://salinadiocese.org>) By registering, the coordinators will know how many roses to bring to present to Mary after the mass, and be able to put your child in the slide-show if desired. Please pray for these parents and the children whom they have lost.

Just looking ahead on the calendar, the next several weekends all have different things going on. Here is the schedule: May 14<sup>th</sup> – Mother's Day and Graduation Mass. May 21<sup>st</sup> is Confirmation at 10:30 in Oakley. May 29<sup>th</sup> is Memorial Day/Cemetery services TBA.

June 11 – 16<sup>th</sup> Totus Tuus here in Oakley.

June 11<sup>th</sup> – Corpus Christi: Oakley @ 8am and Angelus @ 10:30am followed by Corpus Christi Procession.

June 18<sup>th</sup> – Angelus @ 6pm with Bishop Vincke and meal to follow.

**A BIG THANK YOU** to everyone for their participation and their donations that helped make our Carnival another successful fundraiser for St. Joseph School!

**ST. JOSEPH NEWS**

14th Annual Penny Drive for Hydrocephalus. May 5-17. A tub will be outside the school office for the pennies.

Bible Study: *Psalms: The School of Prayer* will meet in the conference room at the rectory on Tuesday morning, May 9<sup>th</sup>, following the 8:30 school Mass.

St. Catherine D of I meeting will be Thursday, May 11 at 1:00 p.m. at the parish annex. Quarterly audit meeting will start at 12:30 p.m. prior to the meeting. Hostesses are Joyce Loftus and Pat Ryan.

St. Joseph School is looking for a Classroom Teacher and a PE/Title/Para teacher for the 2023-2024 school year. Please contact Mrs. Selzer at the school if you are interested.

**ST. PAUL NEWS**

**Capital Campaign Update:** \$603K pledged and \$271K in the bank. Thank you for your continued support!!!!

Sunday, May 14, parish coffee and rolls with special recognition of the First Communicants after 8:00 Mass.

**St. Anne Altar Society** will hold their May meeting on Monday, May 16 at 7:30pm, in the church basement. Items on the agenda include the First Communion reception and a meal following the Confirmation Mass. The officers, Kristy and Linda, want to express their sincere appreciation for those who have helped in any way with the funeral dinners we have served this past year. Whether you brought a salad or dessert, or helped cook, or picked up trays, or washed dishes, or helped unload supplies at the Hall the day before, or cleaned the Hall-thank you. The families are always so very grateful for providing the meal.

May 21-Confirmation in Oakley for our four candidates. There will be a meal served in the Angelus K of C Hall following Confirmation at about 1:00. St. Paul's newly confirmed, their families and guests, and all parishioners are invited to attend the dinner.

**Our Tithes from Last Week**

Oakley: \$2328.00    Angelus: \$507.00

**DAILY SCHEDULE**

Sat	06 – 5pm Mass - Parishioners
Sun	07 – 8am Mass (Angelus) + Leon Fellhoelter 10:30am + Doreen Kennedy
Mon	08 – No Mass 6:15pm School Council, 7pm Finance & 8pm Parish
Tues	09 – 8:30am + Linda Rumback Bible Study in Oakley
Wed	10 – 7:30am (Angelus) + Cleon Heinrich 2pm Memorial Mass for parents of deceased children
Thur	11 – 8:30am Mass + Weber/Moorhous Families 1pm D of I Meeting
Fri	12 – 7am Mass + Helen Ostmeyer
Sat	13 – 5pm Mass + Brenner/Kuhlman Families
Sun	14 – 8am Mass (Angelus) – Special intention for Ron & Elsie Rietcheck 10:30am - Parishioners

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

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Saturday May 13 <sup>th</sup> 5 pm	Servers	Volunteers	Sunday May 14 <sup>th</sup> 10:30am	Servers	Karsyn, Carter K. & Shayden
	Lector	Marylou Van Eaton		Lector	Tom Halbleib
	Gifts	Dennis & Jane Schwarz		Gifts	Mike & Katie Chrysler
	Hospitality	Dennis & Jane Schwarz		Hospitality	Mike & Katie Chrysler

Sunday, May 14 <sup>th</sup> 8:00 am	Servers	Natalie Bixenman
	Lectors	Doug Robben & Gary Ostmeyer
	EMHC	Ron Lager
	Gifts	Don & Dorothy Schroeder
	Hospitality	Bob Fellhoelter, Jim Fellhoelter, Steve Fellhoelter & Ron Lager