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**From the Pastor** From a sermon on the Ascension by Pope St. Leo the Great – At Easter, beloved brethren, it was the Lord’s resurrection which was the cause of our joy; our present rejoicing is on account of his ascension into heaven. With all due solemnity, we are commemorating that day on which our poor human nature was carried up, in Christ, above all the hosts of heaven, above all the ranks of angels, beyond the highest heavenly powers to the very throne of God the Father. It is upon this ordered structure of divine acts that we have been firmly established, so that the grace of God may show itself still more marvelous when, in spite of the withdrawal from men’s sight of everything that is rightly felt to command their reverence, faith does not fail, hope is not shaken, charity does not grow cold. For such is the power of great minds, such is the light of truly believing souls, that they put unhesitating faith in what is not seen with the bodily eye; they fix their desires on what is beyond sight. Such fidelity could never be born in our hearts, nor could anyone be justified by faith, if our salvation lay only in what was visible. And so, our Redeemer’s visible presence has passed into the sacraments. Our faith is nobler and stronger because sight has been replaced by a doctrine whose authority is accepted by believing hearts, enlightened from on high. This faith was increased by the Lord’s ascension and strengthened by the gift of the Spirit; it would remain unshaken by fetters and imprisonment, exile and hunger, fire and ravaging beasts, and the most refined tortures ever devised by brutal persecutors. Throughout the world women no less than men, tender girls as well as boys, have given their life’s blood in the struggle for this faith. It is a faith that has driven out devils, healed the sick, and raised the dead.

**Just looking ahead on the calendar**, the next several weekends all have different things going on. Here is the schedule:

- 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.

If you have any announcements for the bulletin for the first week of June (4 – 11<sup>th</sup>), please have them to the parish office by 10 am, Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. Fr. Luke and Teresa will both be out of town on Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup> and Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. THANK YOU!!

**Congratulations to the confirmands** receiving the last sacrament of initiation and the fullness of the Holy Spirit. May the Holy Spirit guide them, and all the saints intercede for them. Thank you to the teachers who have prepared them over the last two years and Bishop Vincke for conferring the sacrament upon them.

**Divine Mercy Radio 89.1 – KGOH – Colby is on the air!** Please consider attending the tower blessing and dinner at 5 p.m. on Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. The Tower is located one mile south of the Oasis Travel Center, Colby. Supper will follow at City Limits, 2227 S Range Ave., Colby. To make reservations for supper, please send names to: [donetta@dvmercy.com](mailto:donetta@dvmercy.com) or call 785-621-4110.

**ST. JOSEPH NEWS**  
 Bible Study: *Psalms: The School of Prayer* will meet in the conference room at the rectory on Tuesday morning, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, following the 7am Mass.

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!!!!

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: \$4079.00    Angelus: \$760.00

**DAILY SCHEDULE**

Sat	20 – 5pm Mass - Parishioners
Sun	21 – 8am Mass (Angelus) + Rita Schwarz 10:30am + Mildred Kuhlman
Mon	22 – No Mass
Tues	23 – 7am + Jim Muehlenkamp Bible Study in Oakley
Wed	24 – 7:30am (Angelus) + Dave Campbell
Thur	25 – 7am Mass + Fr. Roger K. Meitl
Fri	26 – 7am Mass + Linda Zerr
Sat	27 – 5pm Mass + Mary Wilson
Sun	28 – 8am Mass (Angelus) – Parishioners 10:30am + Ron Kuhlman 1pm – St. Paul Parish Confirmation Lunch at the K of C Hall

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

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Saturday May 20 <sup>th</sup> 5 pm	Servers	Volunteers	Sunday May 21 <sup>st</sup> 10:30am	Servers	Thomas, Cody & Danielle
	Lector	Wendy Glassman		Lector	Brad Joseph
	Gifts	Mike & Amy Zimmerman		Gifts	Drew & Valerie Krier
	Hospitality	Marvin & Rosanne LaBarge		Hospitality	Chris & Jessica Halbleib

Sunday, May 21 <sup>st</sup> 8:00 am	Servers	Nick Robben
	Lectors	Doug Robben & Gary Ostmeyer
	EMHC	Millie Baalman
	Gifts	Eugene & Linda Schwarz
Hospitality	Bob Fellhoelter, Jim Fellhoelter, Steve Fellhoelter & Ron Lager	