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From the Pastor



Ignatian Spirituality became an important part of the Church's spiritual life since St. Ignatius of Loyola introduced it in the 16th century. His guidance of a soul through the discernment of spirits in a way that is possible for all people was a major step for the church as a whole and a major reason he was named a Doctor of the Church. If you have not read the Discernment of Spirits, I would highly recommend that you do so. It is a process of recognizing one's sins, recognizing the greatness of God, discerning spiritual consolation and spiritual desolation, and how to navigate through it all. Our sins, whether great or small, are to be faced head-on, to try and just ignore them and think they will go away is foolish. At the same time, recognizing that God is greater than any sin we can commit is a major step for a soul, and how connected we are to God is vital for discerning the different stages of the spiritual life. St. Ignatius wants a soul to move past what it feels emotionally and ask how connected a soul is to God. A soul can laugh and be joyful in spiritual desolation and mourn and be sad in spiritual consolation. If we are to follow our emotions, we succumb to false paths and the fallacious idea that our emotions are indicative of where our soul is in relation to God. It's not easy, but when a soul learns how to properly discern it will be able to navigate more effectively the movements of the spiritual life.

This past week in Wichita, our speaker focused on the spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. St. Ignatius, after an incredible conversion to Christ developed the spiritual exercises for his followers, but has spread to be used by everyone. It is an intense journey and usually done over 30 days during a silent retreat to prep you for the rest of your life. Now, the majority of people don't have the time to take a whole month for a silent retreat. Good news, the Spiritual Life Center in Wichita is offering Ignatian Retreats at varying lengths, 4 – 8 days, to help accommodate the average person. For more information, please see the parish website or see all the programs that the Spiritual Life Center offers at <https://slc.retreatportal.com/events/?p=EVENTS:1>

RCIA – If you or you know of someone who is interested in joining the Church, please contact Deacon Dennis. He will arrange a meeting time when he has an idea of who will be involved in the class. As of now, we have two or three interested in the process. Thanks.

Bishop Vincke & the Diocese of Salina wish to honor all couples celebrating their 1st wedding Anniversary & all other wedding anniversaries ending in 0 or 5 and any anniversaries over 70 years in 2023. One mass will be celebrated on October 15th at 3pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Salina. The second mass will be celebrated on October 29th at 3pm at St. Nicholas of Myra in Hays. If you are interested, you can register on the Diocese of Salina's website salinadiocese.org under the events page.

ST. JOSEPH NEWS


The Pizza Hut Fundraiser will be held on Monday evening, September 18th with the Kindergarten parents delivering.

On Monday, September 18th will be St. Joseph School Council Meeting at 6:15pm, Finance Council at 7pm and Parish Council at 8pm.

ST. PAUL NEWS

Capital Campaign Update: \$617K pledged and \$305K in the bank. Thank you for your continued support!!!!

St. Paul Parish Council on Thursday, September 21st at 7:30pm.



Our Tithes from Last Week

Oakley: \$7183.00 Angelus: \$813.00

DAILY SCHEDULE

Sat	16 – 5pm Mass - Parishioners
Sun	17 – 8am Mass (Angelus) + Joe Rottinghaus 10:30am + Rory Seibel
Mon	18 – No Mass Pizza Hut Fundraiser 6:15pm School council, 7pm finance & 8pm parish
Tues	19 – 8:30am Mass + Weber/Moorhous Families Bible Study at 9:30am
Wed	20 – 7:30am Mass (Angelus) + Bernice Heier 7pm CCD Angelus 7pm Interfaith at St. Joseph Grade School
Thur	21 – 8:30am Mass + Richard & Mary Anna Loftus 7:30pm St Paul Parish Council
Fri	22 – 7am Mass + Special Intention
Sat	23 – 5pm Mass + Vesta Ostmeyer
Sun	24 – 8am Mass (Angelus) - Parishioners 10:30am + George & Dorothy Ladenburger

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

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Saturday Sept 23 th 5 pm	Servers	Volunteers	Sunday Sept 24 th 10:30 am	Servers	Jethro & Thomas C, Carter K.
	Lector	Cecilia Brungardt		Lector	Kay Hughes
	Gifts	Darin & Kim Munk		Gifts	Mason & Hanna Scheetz
	Hospitality	Marvin & Rosanne LaBarge		Hospitality	Mason & Hanna Scheetz

Sunday, Sept 24 th 8 am	Servers	Natalie Bixenman
	Lectors	Gary Ostmeyer & Bill Kuhlman
	EMHC	Gary Ostmeyer
	Gifts	Murray & Millie Baalman
	Hospitality	Tom Albers, Ron Bixenman, Daryl Bixenman & Andrew Bixenman