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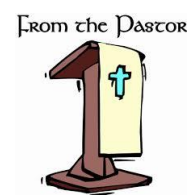
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**From the Pastor**  
 September 23rd is the feast day of St. Pius of Pietreclina aka Padre Pio. He is one of my favorite Saints because of his great love for Christ, his unwavering resolve to offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in the most reverent way possible, and even though he was a monk, he had great zeal for souls. His life was marked with great miracles and gifts such as bilocation, the stigmata, and the reading of souls. While the Saints all have their own spectacular gifts associated with them, the one thing they have in common is their love for God. St. Pius lived out his way of life which attracted many to come to know the saving love of Jesus Christ. I have said many times that not all of us will have the incredibly rare gifts that our favorite saints had, but that should not deter us from seeking holiness. Let us use the Saints and motivation to continue to seek out holiness and deepen our love for God.

I want to make you aware that the insurance cost has gone up dramatically. This is affecting everyone, not just our parish or our diocese. The cost of insurance increased from \$23K to \$37K for St. Joseph and \$10.5K to \$14.5K for St. Paul. I hate telling you this as the country is in a harsh loop of increased product costs followed by increased wages to make living affordable followed by increased product costs to cover the wage increase and around and around it goes. I tell you this to try and be transparent about the overhead for our parishes. Above all, though, God will provide.

Just a reminder that the platform Formed.org is free for all in the Diocese of Salina. Sign-up is easy and it provides a great library of resources for the whole family to enjoy. You have to sign up via the computer first before you can use the app on your phone. To sign up: 1) visit [formed.org](http://formed.org) and click sign up, 2) type in St. Joseph Oakley, and select our parish, 3) provide your name and e-mail address, 4) check your e-mail to verify your account, and 5) download the Formed.org app on your phone to enjoy the platform on the go.

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](http://salinadiocese.org) under the events page.

**ST. JOSEPH NEWS**

**Bible Study: Follow Me - Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John** will begin on Tuesday morning, September 26, at the rectory (Father’s house) following the 8:30 St. Joseph School Mass. Following Christ takes more than simply believing in him or doing what he asks of us. Jesus wants us to be more than just a believer - he wants us to be his disciples and friends, to trust him, to open ourselves to his merciful love, and to

love others as he has loved us. We pray that through our we-are-in-no-hurry study sessions, home preparations, eight 35-minute video talks with Dr. Ted Sri, plus spiritual, interesting, and lively group discussions we will come to love more deeply and understand our salvation journey. Dr. Sri will help us imagine being the servants at the wedding feast at Cana, the woman at the well, the man born blind; we will see how God, and only God, can satisfy the deepest desires of our hearts. If you are interested, call or text Rosanne LaBarge at 785-672-0479 or just come. You will be welcomed.


**Come! Please come!! Food and Fellowship! Coffee and Conversation!** You are all invited to the Annex next Sunday, October 1, from 9:00 - 10:00 for pre-Mass visiting with refreshments of coffee, water, juice, bread, rolls, muffins, and cookies (whatever the volunteers of the day decide to bake and bring). Parishioners, please, invite your neighbors and friends; Grandparents, invite your grandchildren; Parents, invite your children; Kids, invite your classmates and friends. Serving will stop in time so that you can maintain the one-hour fast before receiving the Body of Christ and go to church in time for the parish rosary.

**The D of I ladies** will be your hosts and plan to have this on the first Sunday of every month. Discussions are still being held on what would be best to include fellowship gatherings for our parishioners who regularly attend Saturday night Mass, but please know that you are certainly welcome to come Sunday morning.

**Meal Assistance:** If you, or someone you know, would benefit from an occasional meal, please call or text Betty at 785-672-7413 or Rosanne at 785-672-0479. There is no charge. *Sponsored by the D of I.*

**ST. PAUL NEWS**

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



**Our Tithes from Last Week**

Oakley: \$2216.00    Angelus: \$1434.00

**DAILY SCHEDULE**

Sat	23 – 5pm Mass + Vesta Ostmeyer
Sun	24 – 8am Mass (Angelus) - Parishioners 10:30am + George & Dorothy Ladenburger
Mon	25 – No Mass
Tues	26 – 8:30am Mass + Pauline Zimmerman Bible Study at 9:30am
Wed	27 – 7:00pm Mass (Angelus) + Harold Stephens 7pm CCD Angelus & Oakley
Thur	28 – 8:30am Mass + Clara Zimmerman
Fri	29 – 7am Mass + Leroy Heinrich
Sat	30 – 5pm Mass + Charlotte Wasko
Sun	01 – 8am Mass (Angelus) + Jim Stephens 10:30am Parishioners

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

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Saturday Sept 30 <sup>th</sup> 5 pm	Servers	Volunteers	Sunday Oct 1 <sup>st</sup> 10:30 am	Servers	Karsyn O, Shayden S. & Ava G.
	Lector	Marylou VanEaton		Lector	Brad Joseph
	Gifts	Jerry & Darlene Chaput		Gifts	Mike & Katie Chrisler
	Hospitality	Jerry & Darlene Chaput		Hospitality	Mike & Katie Chrisler

Sunday, Oct 1 <sup>st</sup> 8 am	Servers	Nick Robben
	Lectors	Ron Lager & Nancy Schwarz
	EMHC	Elsie Rietcheck
	Gifts	Loren & Teresa Stephens
	Hospitality	Mason Bixenman, Bernard Dickman, Bob & Clem Fellhoelter