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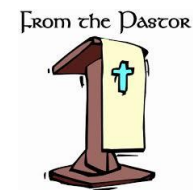
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From the Pastor

As we celebrate the founding of our nation on July 4<sup>th</sup>, it might be helpful to reflect on this incredible moment in history in the context of the present state of our nation. It is always easy to get caught up in the details of the moment. While it is good to be aware of current events, we also should put it in the context of history. Our nation was founded on Judeo-Christian values. While the vast majority of the founders have underlying ideals of freedom of religion not just politically but religiously as well, wanting to separate themselves from any and all outside hierarchies, they still founded a nation that has the best chance to stand the test of time. Our nation might be in turmoil, but the foundation is still intact. That is the most important part. Even if our standing on the world stage is rocky, it has the grounding to come back stronger than ever. It might take generations, the state we are in didn't happen overnight. This means it can take that long, maybe longer, to get back to our grounding as a nation. The founders always wanted Judeo-Christian values to rule the land, and that is certainly still not out of reach. It does start on the micro level with the individual, then the family, the local community, the state, the nation as a whole, and then it trickles back down. To change a national society, it takes the long and arduous journey of ideas to make their way through chain and back down again. As we celebrate Independence Day, let us never forget the ideals our nation was founded, and strive to institute those once again in our nation's identity.

**ANNUAL SEMINARIAN FUNDRAISING DINNERS** are scheduled for July 31 in Salina at the Hilton Garden Inn, August 1 at City Limits in Colby and August 2 at Rose Garden in Hays. These events will start at 5:15 P.M. Visit the Diocesan website or call the Chancery to purchase tickets. Thank you for your support.

**Missionary Appeal** will be the weekend of July 13th and 14th. Fr. Henry Saw Lone will be the missionary. He is the pastor in Atwood, and his family is at the center of the civil war going on in Burma/Myanmar. Please give him a warm welcome and support. Thank you.

**Jamboree Foods Gift Certificates:** If you purchase gift certificates for St. Joseph School promotions, you can now put them on a Jamboree card that you can swipe at checkout. See Rhonda at Jamboree!

**EUCCHARISTIC CONFERENCE** hosted by FHSU Comeau Campus Center, Aug. 9-10: Please check out the Salina Diocese website for all the latest information on the conference.

Conference Homepage Link--  
<https://salinadiocese.org/office/eucharistic-conference/>  
 List of Speakers--  
<https://salinadiocese.org/office/eucharistic-conference/speakers/>  
 Frequently Asked Questions Link--  
<https://salinadiocese.org/office/eucharistic-conference/faqs/>  
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 Online Registration Link--  
<https://salinadiocese.typeform.com/salinaeucharist?typeform-source=salinadiocese.org>


**ST. JOSEPH NEWS**

**July 4<sup>th</sup> Mass** will be at 9am in Oakley.

**Coffee and Conversation** will be held on Sunday, July 7th, at 9am in the annex.

**St. Joseph School** is seeking a 4th-grade teacher for the 2024-2025 school year. Please contact Michelle Selzer at the school at 785-671-4451 or [mselzer@sjoakley.org](mailto:mselzer@sjoakley.org).

A couple of dishes with lids were left at the school during Totus Tuus. If they are yours, please contact the school at 671-4451. Thanks!



**Our Tithes from Last Week**

Oakley: \$2511.00 Angelus: \$485.00

**DAILY SCHEDULE**

Sat 29 – 5:00pm Mass - Parishioners  
 Sun 30 – 8am Mass (Angelus) + Irene Hazen  
 10:30am Mass + Mildred Kuhlman  
 Mon 01 – NO Mass  
 Tues 02 – 7am Mass + Nancy Roberts  
 Wed 03 – 7:30am Mass (Angelus) + Dorothy Ann Schroeder  
 Thur 04 – 9am Mass + Linda Zerr  
 Fri 05 – 7am Mass + Cleon Heinrich  
 7pm Adoration  
 Sat 06 – 8am Confessions  
 9am Mass  
 5:00pm Mass + Jim Robben Sr.  
 Sun 07 – 8am Mass (Angelus) + Daisy Fellhoelter  
 9am Coffee & Conversation in the annex  
 10:30am Mass - Parishioners

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

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Saturday July 6 <sup>th</sup> 5pm	Servers	Volunteers	Sunday July 7 <sup>th</sup> 10:30 am	Servers	Madeline K., Nolin & Peyton K.
	Lector	Betty Hockersmith		Lector	Penny Ottley
	Gifts	Donita Sparks & Bea Albers		Gifts	Chris & Jessica Halbleib
	Hospitality	David & Dana Charles		Hospitality	Chris & Jessica Halbleib

Sunday, July 7 <sup>th</sup> 8 am	Servers	Nick Robben
	Lectors	Bill Kuhlman & Barney Dickman
	Gifts	Doug & Kim Robben
	Ushers	Daryl, Andrew and Mason Bixenman, Barney Dickman