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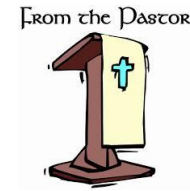
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From the Pastor

From a sermon on the Beatitudes by Saint Leo the Great: After our Lord himself, the Apostles have given us the best example of this greatness of heart in poverty. When their Master called, they instantly left behind all that they possessed, and from catching fish, they turned swiftly to fishing for men. Their example inspired many to emulate their faith and so become like them: it was at this time that these first sons of the Church were of one heart and there was one spirit among believers. With all their possessions stripped away they received the riches of eternal blessings, and through the Apostles' preaching they rejoiced at having nothing that the world could give and possessing all things with Christ. So it was that when the blessed apostle Peter was going up into the Temple and the cripple begged him for alms, he replied *I have neither silver nor gold, but I will give you what I have: in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, walk!* What could be higher than this lowliness? What could be richer than this poverty? He cannot give the support of money but he can give the gift of a restored nature. From the womb his mother brought him forth a cripple; by a word Peter raises him up to health. He did not give the image of Caesar stamped on a coin but he restored the image of Christ in the man himself. The man who was given the power to walk was not the only one to receive help from this rich treasure. From the same act of miraculous healing five thousand men received the gift of faith in the Apostle's teaching. The poor man who could give nothing of what he was asked for restored one lame man to his feet but also healed the hearts of thousands: he found them lame and brought them to be lithe and agile in Christ.

**Spiritual Renewal Days:** The priests of the Diocese of Salina will be in Wichita from September 16<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> for the annual fall Spiritual Renewal Days. No priests will be around for sacramental emergencies; the closest priest is in Scott City. Priests from another diocese can confer the sacraments in emergencies without prior approval of the diocese in which he is ministering in an emergency. Please keep us priests in your prayers during this time, and I certainly will be praying for all of you.

**ADOPT-A-FAMILY 2024:** Our Christmas assistance program, Adopt-a-Family, is just around the corner. Our Catholic Charities staff will match families needing Christmas assistance with a sponsor. If you are interested in sponsoring a family, please contact Jeree Hughbanks, Communications Manager, at [jhughbanks@ccnks.org](mailto:jhughbanks@ccnks.org) to be added to the list. Sponsorship letters will be mailed in early October.

In preparation for the 2<sup>nd</sup> graders' reception of the Sacraments of Penance and First Holy Communion, Mrs. Kuhlman and I would like to ask parishioners to pray for the students by name and for you as prayer partners. This might mean several people have the same student, but that is okay. If interested, please contact Mrs. Bryn Kuhlman at 913-660-3805 or at [bkuhlman@sjoakley.org](mailto:bkuhlman@sjoakley.org). She will assign a student for you to pray for throughout the year, and the student will also pray for you.

Registration for CCD classes is available online via our website. An article under parish headlines has the link and a PDF of the CCD schedule. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Luke or Jessica Halbleib.

**ST. JOSEPH NEWS**  
**St. Joseph Bible Study:** We will watch and discuss *The Chosen* on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 in the rectory's conference room. All are invited and welcome.


**ATTENTION LADIES:** Please pick up your funeral dishes left in the church's back. THANK YOU!!

**September meeting of Daughters of Isabella,** St. Catherine's Circle, #686, will be on September 12, 2024, 1:00 p.m. at the parish annex. Hostesses for the meeting are Janet Zerr and Lila Thompson.

**ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL NEWS**  
 Thank you to those who have generously donated garden produce and beef! It all has been delicious! At this time, we do still need ground beef. If you would like to donate, please call the school at 785-671-4451. Thank you for your support.

**ST. PAUL NEWS**  
 There are Religious Ed raffle tickets available. Partial proceeds come back to the Religious Ed program for Grinnell and Angelus. If interested, contact Jeff Ostmeyer @ 785-675-8671

REBOOT featuring Chris Stefanick is coming to the Colby Event Center on Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. He is an engaging, popular Catholic speaker and desires nothing more than for souls to know Christ. There is an early bird special on tickets until October 30<sup>th</sup>! For more information, please visit the parish website.



**Our Tithes from Last Week**

Oakley: \$2867.00 Angelus: \$772.00

**DAILY SCHEDULE**

Sat	07 – 5pm Mass + Special intention for the living and deceased class and staff of the OHS Class of 1964
Sun	08 – 8am Mass (Angelus) - Parishioners 10:30am Mass + Hilda Moellering
Mon	09 – NO Mass 6:15pm School Council, 7pm Finance & 8pm Parish Council
Tues	10 – 8:30am Mass + Reynold Moellering 9:30am Bible Study in the rectory
Wed	11 – 7pm Mass (Angelus) + Leon Fellhoelter
Thur	12 – 8:30am Mass + Jefferson Davis 1pm D of I Meeting in Oakley
Fri	13 – 11:30am Mass + Ron Brenner
Sat	14 – 5pm Mass + Danny George
Sun	15 – 8am Mass (Angelus) + Linda Zerr 10:30am Mass - Parishioners

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

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Saturday Sept 14 <sup>th</sup> 5pm	Servers	Volunteers	Sunday Sept 15 <sup>th</sup> 10:30 am	Servers	CYO MASS
	Lector	Elaine Wycoff		Lector	CYO MASS
	Gifts	Darren & Tori Goetz		Gifts	CYO MASS
	Hospitality	Jerry & Darlene Chaput		Hospitality	CYO MASS

Sunday, Sept 15 <sup>th</sup> 8 am	Servers	Johnathan Ostmeyer
	Lectors	Doug Robben & Gary Ostmeyer
	Gifts	Jim & Kristy Fellhoelter
	Ushers	Jason Fellhoelter, Steve Fellhoelter, Ron Lager & Larry Mense