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From the Pastor

Last week, I wrote on the issue of abortion, this week, is the moral issue of immigration. While the gospel message includes what Christians should do for the least amongst us, the question becomes to what extent are we called to do this? The basic focus of Catholic Social Teaching is the common good, which would include that of the individual and the community. This is a both/and approach. For example, one is obligated to open one's house up to be used by the homeless. There can be several just reasons for this, primarily that of safety. One who is less privileged does not have a "right" to the resources of one who is more privileged. This can be extrapolated from small communities to a nation/country. Those who seek entry to a country are at the mercy of the benevolence of the country of which they seek entry. It is not a country's obligation to say yes to all who ask to enter, even if the person has good reason to seek entry, i.e. asylum based on persecution. Are asylum laws, for example, good practice? In general, the Church would say yes. However, it would also be within a country's prerogative if resources are being stretched and communities are being negatively impacted, which would deny a person's entry into the country. A country has a duty to its own citizens before others, just like one has a duty to their own family before others. Without getting into the weeds of policy and other issues regarding immigration, I believe this is fundamental and what the Catholic Church would teach in regard to fundamentals for good immigration policy.

**The 21st Annual Winter Blast Dinner and Auction** will be on Saturday, December 7th, 2024. If you would like to donate an item to this year's auction, please contact the school office or email [winterblast@sjoakley.org](mailto:winterblast@sjoakley.org) by November 16th. Golden Tickets can be purchased now or at the auction. Call the school today to purchase your Golden Ticket and to reserve your seat—call: 785-671-4451 8-Seat Table \$300 or \$40 Per Ticket.

**REBOOT** featuring Chris Stefanick is coming to the Colby Event Center on Wednesday, November 20th. 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 30th! For more information, please visit the parish website.

**Boxes of Joy:** This is a Christmas campaign for impoverished children. If you would like to participate, boxes are at the main entrances of St. Joseph and St. Paul. Instructions are in the pamphlets by the boxes. Please return to Fr. Luke by November 3rd. Thank you for your participation.

**ST. JOSEPH NEWS:**

**Coffee & Conversation** on November 3rd at 9am in the Annex.

**Patriotic Rosary** at St. Joseph Church on Sunday, November 3, at 2:00pm. All are welcome and encouraged to come.

**ST. PAUL NEWS:**

**K of C Pro-Life Breakfast:** The Knights of Columbus will serve the pro-life breakfast on Sunday, November 3rd, from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. at the Hall in Angelus. Please donate to help the Knights of Columbus raise money for the pro-life movement. This money stays in our local communities.

**St. Anne's Altar Society Bingo** will be held on November 17th, 2024. There will be a 5 p.m. soup supper (free will donation), and Bingo will begin at 6 p.m.

**The Knights of Columbus annual 31 Days of Christmas raffle tickets** are now available to purchase. If interested, please get in touch with the following people:

- Terry Ostmeyer @ 785-673-6348
- Jordan Ostmeyer @ 785-824-8044 or at Equity Bank
- Chandler Ostmeyer @ 785-673-6224
- Mark Baalman @ 785-953-7740
- Jeff Ostmeyer @ 785-675-8671
- Mark Schroeder @ 785-673-3225
- Dennis Schwarz @ 785-672-2385

Alfreda Stephens will be celebrating her **100th Birthday on October 30th**. She would love to hear from her Family and Friends. Mail can reach her at the following address:  
 Alfreda Stephens  
 C/O Logan County Senior Living  
 615 Price Ave  
 Oakley, Kansas 67748

**Our Tithes from Last Week**

Oakley: \$7714.00 Angelus: \$1656.00

We welcome all our guests to our parishes. If you have moved here, we encourage you to register.



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**DAILY SCHEDULE**

Sat	26 – 5pm Mass + Weber/Moorhous Families Potato Bar fundraiser after Mass at the school
Sun	27 – 8am Mass (Angelus) + Rodney Mense 10:30am Mass – Parishioners Potato Bar fundraiser after Mass at the school
Mon	28 – NO Mass
Tues	29 – 8:30am Mass + JoAnn Engel 9:30am Bible Study in the rectory
Wed	30 – 7:30am Mass (Angelus) + Paul Fellhoelter 7pm Religious Ed for both parishes
Thur	31 – 8:30am Mass + Mildred Kuhlman 6:30pm Mass + Linda Zerr
Fri	01 – 12:07pm Mass + Cleon Heinrich 7pm Mass (Angelus) + Paul Fellhoelter 7pm Adoration
Sat	02 – 8am Confessions 9am Mass – Pope Francis 11am Mass (Angelus) + All the Faithful Departed 5pm Mass - Parishioners
Sun	03 – 8am Mass (Angelus) + Vera Moeder Eyre 8:30-11am Pro-Life Breakfast in Angelus 9am Coffee & Conversation in the annex 10:30am Mass + Jim Robben Sr. 2pm Patriotic Rosary at St. Joseph Church

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

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Saturday Nov 2nd 5pm	Servers	Volunteers	Sunday Nov 3rd 10:30 am	Servers	Faith K, Madeline K & Peyton K.
	Lector	Mike Kuhlman		Lector	Kay Hughes
	Gifts	Bob & Sherri Kuhlman		Gifts	Danny & Delores Lockhart
	Hospitality	Alan & Joyce Kuhn		Hospitality	Mason & Hannah Scheetz

Sunday, Nov 3rd 8 am	Servers	LaRynn & Lettie Rumback
	Lectors	Bill Kuhlman & Nancy Schwarz
	Gifts	Ron & Elsie Rietcheck
	Ushers	Ron Rietcheck, Jay Rietcheck, Doug Robben & Ray Schroeder