



Fr. Luke Thielen, Pastor
 frluke@sjoakley.org
Reverend Mr. Mike Brungardt
 mlocker@st-tel.net
Reverend Mr. Dennis Engel
 ddengel@outlook.com/785-672-0888

PARISH OFFICE & RECTORY

625 Freeman Ave.
 Oakley, KS 67748
Phone: 785-671-3828

Secretary: Mrs. Teresa Stephens (673-3063)

parish@sjoakley.org or
 stpaulangelus@gmail.com
Office Hours: Tues. & Fri.

ST. JOSEPH DIRECTORS/COORDINATORS

Director of Religious Education

Mrs. Barb Hemmert
Phone: (785)-672-2432
E-mail: kbhemmert@st-tel.net

Music Coordinator

Mrs. Heliana Halbleib
Cell: (785)-672-0258
E-mail: thhalbleib@st-tel.net

ST. PAUL DIRECTORS/COORDINATORS

Director of Religious Education

Mrs. Amanda Ostmeyer
E-mail: ostmeyerjaj@yahoo.com
Phone: (785)-443-2728

Music Coordinator

Mrs. Albie Kuhlman
Phone: (785)-899-6969

ST. JOSEPH GRADE SCHOOL

725 Freeman Ave.
 Oakley, KS 67748
Phone: 785-671-4451
Fax: 785-671-3919

Principal: Mrs. Michelle Selzer
principal@sjoakley.org

Secretary: Mrs. Vicky Joseph
schooloffice@sjoakley.org

From the Pastor



This year, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception has been moved to Monday, December 9th. The USCCB has declared that this Solemnity remains obligatory. Please see the Daily Schedule for Mass times.

Advent begins with a call to vigilance... There are numerous Scripture passages that call us to this vigilance and anticipation of the Lord's coming. Being vigilant means, also, that we are prepared. We are not caught off guard. Imagine if Christmas morning came and you woke up suddenly realizing that you forgot to prepare! Imagine if you had no gifts, no food purchased and no plans were made. Of course you wouldn't allow that to happen, but we do sometimes allow it to happen spiritually speaking. We often are not prepared to celebrate the birth of Christ within our hearts. The first week of Advent also offers the focus of the Second Coming of Christ. Jesus will return again, in all splendor and glory, to judge the living and the dead. We profess that fact every Sunday in our Creed. So, even though Advent is a time for the preparation of the celebration of the first coming of Jesus in the flesh, it is also a time to acknowledge that His first coming is ultimately fulfilled in His final glorious coming. As Advent begins, reflect upon how ready you are for Jesus' coming. Are you preparing for it with the same fervor that you prepare for Christmas through shopping, cooking, decorating, etc.? Are you looking forward to that day when He will return? Are you preparing for the spiritual celebration of His birth? Are you awake and attentive to the numerous ways that God speaks to you on a daily basis? – From mycatholic.life

The diocese is once again encouraging and promoting the Family Advent Challenge. It is centered around building family life while entering the current liturgical season. Step 1 is committing to a Family Night once a week during Advent. Step 2 is Pray the Novena for Family and Marriage from December 21 – December 28. Step 3 is to go to Mass on the Feast of the Holy Family together as a family (December 29). For more information, please visit <https://salinadiocese.org/office/family-life/advent-family-challenge/>

3rd ANNUAL ADVENT FAMILY CHALLENGE - We will have our third annual Advent Family Challenge. Please make sure you are keeping an eye on our website and social media for more information: <https://salinadiocese.org/office/family-life/advent-family-challenge/> Pick one night a week during Advent for a family night. Clear your schedule, put the phones in the other room, turn off the TV, make and share a meal together, and then play a game as a family or watch something together on [formed.org](https://www.formed.org).

RETIRED RELIGIOUS COLLECTION is December 7 & 8th. Envelopes should be available in the packets mailed to you, or you can donate online via our website.

Advent Penance Services: The Advent Penance Schedule for the West Vicariate is available at the church's entrances.

The 21st Annual Winter Blast Dinner and Auction will be on Saturday, December 7th, 2024.

ST. JOSEPH NEWS:

Coffee & Conversation on December 1st at 9 am in the Annex.

St. Joseph School is missing 11 folding chairs. If you borrowed them, please give the school a call at 785-671-4451. Thank you!

ST. PAUL NEWS:

Advent Penance Service in Angelus will be Sunday, December 1st at 2pm.

The K of C meeting will be on Monday, December 2nd, at the Hall in Angelus starting at 7:00pm.

The Night of Prayer for Life will be at St Paul's beginning at 8:00pm on December 8th, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. It is to go to the Feast of St Juan Diego on December 9th. We are praying for not only the end of abortion, but for people to understand why abortion and contraception have not been condoned by the Catholic Church. The normal format will be followed.



Our Tithes from Last Week

Oakley: \$3,357.00 Angelus: \$1,099.00



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

Follow us on St. Joseph Catholic Church and School
 @stjosephoakley

DAILY SCHEDULE

Sat	30 – 5pm + Living & deceased members of the Schoenfeld/Bockwinkel family
Sun	01 – 8am Mass (Angelus) + Daisy Fellhoelter 9am Coffee & Conversation at the Annex 10:30am Mass - Parishioners 2pm Penance service in Angelus
Mon	02 – NO Mass
Tues	03 – 8:30am Mass + Jesse Hockersmith 9:30am Bible Study in the rectory
Wed	04 – 7:30am Mass (Angelus) + Leon Fellhoelter CCD at both parishes
Thur	05 – 8:30am Mass + Bill Schwarz
Fri	06 – 7am Mass + JoAnn Engel 7pm Adoration/Confessions
Sat	07 – 8am Confessions 9am Mass 5pm - Parishioners 6pm Winter Blast Auction and Dinner
Sun	08 – 8am Mass (Angelus) + Royce Fellhoelter 10:30am Mass + Mitch Ottley 8pm (Angelus) Night of Prayer for Life 6pm + Charles Anderson (Counts for Immaculate Conception Obligation)
Mon	09 6:50am + Joe Bockwinkel 12:07pm + Pauline Zimmerman 7pm (Angelus) + Danny George

Immaculate Conception Holy Day Masses are bolded below.

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

ST. JOSEPH PARISH COUNCIL

Mr. Darin Munk	Mrs. Aimee Zimmerman - Chair
Mr. David Manhart	Mr. Mason Sheetz
Mrs. Penny Pfeifer	Mr. Ethan Schwarz
Mrs. Cassie Shirley	Mrs. Dana Charles – Vice Chair
Mrs. Micheline Huffman	

ST. JOSEPH FINANCE COUNCIL

Mrs. Betty Hockersmith - Chair	Mrs. Delores Lockhart
Mr. Dana Charles (Par. Co. Rep.)	Mr. Henry Sloan – Vice Chair
Mrs. Susan Glassman	Mr. Tom Halbleib

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL COUNCIL

Mrs. Kim Munk	Mr. Courtland Osborne
Mrs. Casey Zerr	Mrs. Mary Urrego
Mr. Russ Kahle - Chair	Mr. Jeff Kuhlman – Vice Chair
Mrs. Micheline Huffman (Par. Co. Rep.)	

ST. PAUL PARISH/FINANCE COUNCIL

Mr. Bernard Dickman	Ms. Diane Solomon
Mr. Clem Fellhoelter- Chair	Mr. Mark Rueschhoff
Mrs. Kristy Fellhoelter - Vice Chair	Mrs. Kim Robben

Saturday Dec 7 th 5pm	Servers	Volunteers	Sunday Dec 8 th 10:30 am	Servers	Cody P., Alexander B. & Jethro C.
	Lector	Elaine Wycoff		Lector	Cheri Weber
	Gifts	Jerry & Darlene Chaput		Gifts	Ken & Bridgit Bockwinkel
	Hospitality	Jerry & Darlene Chaput		Hospitality	Mike & Katie Chrisler

Sunday, Dec 8 th 8 am	Servers	Johnathan Ostmeyer
	Lectors	Millie Baalman & Barney Dickman
	Gifts	Murray & Millie Baalman
	Ushers	Bob Schwarz, Eugene Schwarz, Ron Bixenman & Daryl Bixenman