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From the Pastor



In seminary, both in Missouri and Denver, this time of year was exciting because Kansas Day was near. When January 29th finally arrived, all of us Kansans would greet everyone with a “Happy Kansas Day!”. We would get looks of confusion from the Denver guys and disgust from Missourians (which is half why we did it to them multiple times). For whatever reason, Kansas Day holds a special pride of place for a Kansan more than it seems for the other states that I have encountered. In the heart of the beef and wheat industry, Kansans are generally proud to call themselves Kansans. Recently, though, that good name has had a giant smudge on it, as Kansas has become a destination state for the evil act of abortion. With major cities on the southern and eastern borders, access to abortion facilities is made easier for those traveling up from Texas and Oklahoma and over from Missouri, states that have abortion restrictions to various degrees. While Kansas has its problems, this is the most serious. To do our part, I hope you can join in the annual Eucharistic Procession for Life on Wednesday, January 29th, beginning with Mass at 7pm and the procession to follow. As part of the Catholic Faith, we believe in protecting life from conception to natural death. So not only is this promoting life in the womb, but for all life no matter what stage the person is in. Please continue to pray for our country and our state of Kansas, that they may become instilled with a culture of life for all.

Eucharistic Procession for Life: We will do our annual Eucharistic Procession for Life on January 29th at 7pm. Since Roe v. Wade was overturned, I thought it would be good to do this closer to Kansas Day. Kansas has become a destination state for abortion since the failure of passing the Value Them Both Amendment a few years ago. I hope you will be able to attend this night of prayer for the unborn and for our state of Kansas.

Catholic Schools Week begins this weekend. Parents Club will be hosting *Pancakes with the Parish* on Sunday the 26th from 7:30am – 9:30am in the school. On Thursday the 30th, mass will be in Colby with Bishop Vincke at 11am. All are invited to attend. Please continue to pray for students, staff and faculty of St. Joseph Catholic School and all Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Salina.

Benedictine College Youth Outreach - Set Free: Transforming Lives in Christ – This is for 6th – 8th graders on April 5th from 9:30am – 4:30pm at St. Frances Cabrini Parish in Hoxie. Deadline to register is February 19th with a cost of \$15 per student (additional \$8 for OPTIONAL t-shirt). If interested, please contact Amanda Tremblay at amanda@st-frances.org or Christy Juenemann at christy@st-frances.org or call 785-675-3300.


ST. PAUL NEWS:

Project update: The progress on the monies coming is going well. So far, we have donated \$454K, almost \$90K more than we had donated 10 months ago. This is a great way to pay off the loan, and the project is far ahead of schedule.

ST. JOSEPH NEWS:

St. Joseph Bible Study: Luke, *The Story of Salvation Fulfilled* will begin in January on Tuesday mornings following the 8:30 St. Joseph School Mass in the Conference Room at the rectory.

Young Adult Night will be on Sunday, January 26th, at the rectory at 7 p.m. It will be game night and apps. Next will be a Super Bowl party on February 9th.



Our Tithes from Last Week

Oakley: 2,688 .00 Angelus: \$376.00

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



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DAILY SCHEDULE

Sat 25 – 5pm Mass + Rose Zimmerman
 Sun 26 – 7:30-9:30am – Pancakes with the Parish in the School
 8am Mass (Angelus) - Parishioners
 10:30am Mass + Eric Ochs
 7pm Young Adult Night

Mon 27 – NO Mass

Tues 28 – 8:30am Mass + Frances Ryan
 9:30 Bible Study in the rectory

Wed 29 – 7:30am Mass (Angelus) - Special Intention
 7pm – Mass and Eucharistic Procession

Thur 30 – 11am – **Mass in Colby** with Bishop Vincke

Fri 31 – 7am Mass + David & Leroy Zerr

Sat 01 – 5pm Mass + Kathleen Weigel

Sun 02 – 8am Mass (Angelus) + Leland McInay
 10:30am Mass - Parishioners

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

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	Gifts	Casey & Brandy Anderson		Gifts	Danny & Delores Lockhart
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