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February Priest Renewal Days: The priests of the Diocese of Salina will be in Wichita Monday afternoon through Thursday Morning. There will be no priests around from our diocese, so please call Scott City if there are any sacramental emergencies. Please know of my prayers for you all during this time.

From the Pastor

From an Old Slavonic Life of Constantine (Later known as St. Cyril) – “Constantine, already burdened by many hardships, became ill. At one point during his extended illness, he experienced a vision of God and began to sing this verse: “My spirit rejoiced and my heart exulted because they told me we shall go into the house of the Lord.” Afterwards he remained dressed in the vestments that were to be venerated later, and rejoiced for an entire day, saying: “From now on, I am not the servant of the emperor or of any man on earth, but of almighty God alone. Before, I was dead, now I am alive and I shall live for ever. Amen.” The following day, he assumed the monastic habit and took the religious name Cyril. He lived the life of a monk for fifty days. When the time came for him to set out from this world to the peace of his heavenly homeland, he prayed to God with his hands outstretched and his eyes filled with tears: “O Lord, my God, you have created the choirs of angels and spiritual powers; you have stretched forth the heavens and established the earth, creating all that exists from nothing. You hear those who obey your will and keep your commands in holy fear. Hear my prayer and protect your faithful people, for you have established me as their unsuitable and unworthy servant. “Keep them free from harm and the worldly cunning of those who blaspheme you. Build up your Church and gather all into unity. Make your people known for the unity and profession of their faith. Inspire the hearts of your people with your word and your teaching. You called us to preach the Gospel of your Christ and to encourage them to lives and works pleasing to you. “I now return to you, your people, your gift to me. Direct them with your powerful right hand, and protect them under the shadow of your wings. May all praise and glorify your name, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.” Once he had exchanged the gift of peace with everyone, he said: “Blessed be God, who did not hand us over to our invisible enemy, but freed us from his snare and delivered us from perdition.” He then fell asleep in the Lord at the age of forty-two. The Patriarch commanded all those in Rome, both the Greeks and Romans, to gather for his funeral. They were to chant over him together and carry candles; they were to celebrate his funeral as if he had been a pope. This they did.”

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.

Sacred Heart School in Colby invites you to join them for the annual School Carnival from 11:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m., Sunday, February 23, 2025. The Carnival is held in the school with games for all ages, bingo, a cake walk, kitchen/bath walk, concessions and prizes! Game tickets are 25¢ each or 20 tickets for \$5. Lunch is served in the Church Basement, and the menu includes bierocks, hot dogs, polish sausage, baked beans, chips, pie, cookies & drinks. Full meals are only \$6!

ST. PAUL NEWS:
Angelus Knights of Columbus Vocations Breakfast Sunday, February 16th serving from 8:30- 11am. Free will donation

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.

Oakley Knights of Columbus Council will hold a **TACO BAR** after the 10:30 a.m. Mass on February 16, 2025, at St. Joseph School. We will serve until 1 p.m. All proceeds will be donated to Pro-Life endeavors.

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL NEWS:
Parents Club Bake Sale: Feb 15 & 16th in the back of the church after Mass. Proceeds will go to the parents’ club and the school. The kids and parents are working hard to make delicious treats. **Free will offering**

Pizza Hut Fundraiser on Monday, February 17th. The fourth-grade parents will be delivering.

St. Joseph School Carnival is on Sunday, March 30. We are in the process of preparing raffle tickets and could use your donation. If you wish to donate a prize for the raffle, please contact the school office by phone at 785-671-4451 or email us at schooloffice@sjoakley.org before Monday, February 17. Thank you for your continued support!

Our Tithes from Last Week

Oakley: \$2,882.00 Angelus: \$1,859.32

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

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

DAILY SCHEDULE

Sat	15 – 5pm Mass – Parishioners 6pm Parents Club Bake Sale after Mass
Sun	16 – 8am Mass (Angelus) + Joe Rehmer Sr. 8:30am Angelus Vocations Breakfast 10:30am Mass + Clara Zimmerman 11:30am Parents Club Bake Sale after Mass 11:30 – 1pm Taco Bar at the school for Pro-Life.
Mon	17 – NO Mass School Pizza Hut Fundraiser
Tues	18 – 8:30am Communion Service 9:30 Bible Study in the rectory
Wed	19 – No Mass 7pm CCD at both parishes
Thur	20 – 8:30am Communion Service
Fri	21 – 7am Mass + Ron Kuhlman
Sat	22 – 5pm Mass + Pat Moeder
Sun	23 – 8am Mass (Angelus) + Jerry Gormley 10:30am Mass - Parishioners

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

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Saturday Feb 22 nd 5pm	Servers	Volunteers	Sunday Feb 23 rd 10:30 am	Servers	Jethro & Thomas C., Alexander B.
	Lector	Cecilia Brungardt		Lector	Carri Evins
	Gifts	Mike & Aimee Zimmerman		Gifts	Donita Sparks & Bea Albers
	Hospitality	Jerry & Elaine Wycoff		Hospitality	Donita Sparks & Bea Albers

Sunday, Feb 23 rd 8 am	Servers	LaRynn & Lettie Rumback
	Lectors	Ron Lager & Nick Robben
	Gifts	Doug & Kim Robben
	Ushers	Clem, Lee, Jim & Jason Fellhoelter