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From the Pastor

From a homily by St. Bernadine of Siena – “There is a general rule concerning all special graces granted to any human being. Whenever the divine favor chooses someone to receive a special grace, or to accept a lofty vocation, God adorns the person chosen with all the gifts of the Spirit needed to fulfil the task at hand. This general rule is especially verified in the case of Saint Joseph, the foster-father of our Lord and the husband of the Queen of our world, enthroned above the angels. He was chosen by the eternal Father as the trustworthy guardian and protector of his greatest treasures, namely, his divine Son and Mary, Joseph’s wife. He carried out this vocation with complete fidelity until at last God called him, saying: “Good and faithful servant enter into the joy of your Lord”. What then is Joseph’s position in the whole Church of Christ? Is he not a man chosen and set apart? Through him and, yes, under him, Christ was fittingly and honorably introduced into the world. Holy Church in its entirety is indebted to the Virgin Mother because through her it was judged worthy to receive Christ. But after her we undoubtedly owe special gratitude and reverence to Saint Joseph. In him the Old Testament finds its fitting close. He brought the noble line of patriarchs and prophets to its promised fulfilment. What the divine goodness had offered as a promise to them, he held in his arms. Obviously, Christ does not now deny to Joseph that intimacy, reverence and very high honor which he gave him on earth, as a son to his father. Rather we must say that in heaven Christ completes and perfects all that he gave at Nazareth... Remember us, Saint Joseph, and plead for us to your foster-child. Ask your most holy bride, the Virgin Mary, to look kindly upon us, since she is the mother of him who with the Father and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns eternally. Amen.”

Wednesday is the Solemnity of St. Joseph, the Husband of Mary, the patronal feast of St. Joseph in Oakley. In celebration, we will have mass at 9 a.m. instead of 7 a.m. in Oakley. The Angelus daily mass will be moved to Thursday. Hope to see many of you there!

Black Mass – I want to provide an update on my announcement last week about scheduling a black mass at our state’s capital. I talked to our diocesan exorcist, and he is waiting to hear what the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas (KCK) is recommending to be done as far as prayers are concerned for the cancellation of this abomination. This is to be more unified as a church instead of everyone doing their own thing, which makes it much more powerful. When I hear more, I will let you all know what is pertinent for you to know. Please keep praying and petitioning for this to be cancelled. Thank you.

Young Adult Group—The Young Adult Group will meet on Sunday, March 23rd, at 7 p.m. in the church to pray a holy hour in reparations for the sins committed at the black mass scheduled for later that week. If it is cancelled by then, we will still pray a holy hour, but in thanksgiving for its cancellation.

Holy Hour for Reparations of the Black Mass—On Sunday, March 23rd, at 7 p.m., the Young Adult Group will host a Holy Hour for Reparations of the sins committed at the Black Mass. If it is cancelled by then, we will still hold a holy hour, but in thanksgiving for its cancellation. All are welcome to join the Young Adult Group for this Holy Hour.

Confirmation: Please keep these young men and women in your prayers as they finish preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation, which they will receive with Bishop Vincke’s approval on Sunday, March 23rd. Jantz Lowrie, Levi Kuhlman, Jonah Kuhlman, Carter Selensky, Cody Polley, Payton Kuhlman, Jayde Kahle, Brooke Smith.

Immaculate Conception, Grinnell, will hold a St. Patrick’s Day Dinner and Raffle on Sunday, March 16th, from 11:00 to 1:00. The meal will include ham and roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, potato casserole, hot vegetables, salads, a dinner roll, and desserts.

Knights of Columbus Membership: If any young men 18 years or older might be interested in joining the fraternity of the Knights of Columbus, Brother Knights will be available after masses next weekend (March 15th and 16th) with more information. You may also contact the Grand Knights: Mike Kuhlman (785-672-7406) for Oakley or Jeff Ostmeyer (785-675-8671) for Angelus.

Pizza with Padre (in place of the Lenten study) will be Tuesday, March 18th, at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Joseph School gym. At the entrances of the churches, there will be little buckets with paper and pens to write down any questions you might want answered. I hope to see you there!

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL NEWS:

St. Joseph School Carnival is Sunday, March 30. Raffle ticket books are available at the church and school entrances. We appreciate your donating Bingo prizes (\$7 - \$10 value, new items for all ages), cakes for the cake walk, and 2-liter bottles of pop for the Pop Bottle Ring Toss game. Thank you for your continued support!

ST. JOSEPH NEWS:

No Bible Study during Lent

ST. PAUL NEWS:

A soup and bread supper will be on Friday, March 21, before Stations of the Cross in the Angelus Church basement. Meatless soup and various breads will be served from 6:00 to 6:50.

Our Tithes from Last Week

Oakley: \$2673.00 Angelus: \$833.00

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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Saturday Mar 22 nd 5pm	Servers	Volunteers	Sunday Mar 23 rd 10:30 am	Servers	Assigned
	Lector	Betty Hockersmith		Lector	Assigned
	Gifts	Drew & Valerie Krier		Gifts	Assigned
	Hospitality	Pat Ryan & Bea Albers		Hospitality	Assigned

Sunday, Mar 24 th 8 am	Servers	Johnathan Ostmeyer
	Lectors	Nancy Schwarz & Gary Ostmeyer
	Gifts	Murray & Millie Baalman
	Ushers	Steve Fellhoelter, Ron Lager, Larry Mense & Gary Ostmeyer

DAILY SCHEDULE

- Sat 15 – 5pm Mass - Parishioners
- Sun 16 – 8am Mass (Angelus) + Mary Rehmer
10:30am Mass + Charles Anderson
- Mon 17 – NO Mass
- Tues 18 – 8:30am Mass + Pauline Zimmerman
6:30pm Pizza with Padre
- Wed 19 – 9am **Solemnity of St. Joseph Mass** + Todd Kuhlman
7pm Religious Ed at both parishes
- Thur 20 – 7:30am Mass (Angelus) + Ed & Irene Huelsman
- Fri 21 – 7am Mass + Larry Kuhlman
6pm Angelus Soup supper
7pm Stations at both parishes
- Sat 22 – 5pm Mass + Danny George
- Sun 23 – 8am Mass (Angelus) + Marilyn Caldwell
10:30am Mass – Parishioners
7pm Young Adult Group in Church

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

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