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From the Pastor



**Palm Sunday** is next weekend. In Oakley, we will gather in the school for the procession of palms before each of the weekend masses. If you are not able to gather in the school, extra blessed palms will be brought over for you.

I'm sure many of you have heard of the murder of Fr. Arul Carasala, who served the Parish of St. Peter and Paul in Seneca. He was shot outside his rectory and died of his injuries at the hospital Thursday afternoon. What is one to do when one stares evil in the face? 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:54b- 58 comes to mind: "Death is swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers, be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain." This verse shows the power of Christ's victory on the Cross; that the ancient foe is defeated if but only stand in the light of Christ. Tragedy, suffering, pain, sorrow, fear, anxiety, etc., can be tools or tricks to make one doubt the love and power of God. This doesn't mean that all those emotions are meaningless, but they be dealt with more positively with Christ at the forefront. Trials and persecutions will come, and some people will have to go through more severe and trying times than others, that I have no doubt. It is what we do within these moments that can either lead us closer or farther from God. Since the fall, humanity has been struggling with the problem of evil, and it won't be over until either we die or the Second Coming of Christ occurs. In the meantime, we have access to the antidote, which is the saving power of the Cross and Resurrection. Just because we have an antidote doesn't mean that evil won't surround us and be set upon us. What the antidote of Christ's saving mystery does is keep our soul focused on him so that our human eyes can see through the evil and see as God sees and not as human beings see.

**Passiontide** – With the 5<sup>th</sup> week of Lent begins the practice of Passiontide and the veiling of crosses, statues and images. "The veiling of crosses and images is a sort of "fasting" from sacred depictions which represent the paschal glory of our salvation. Just as the Lenten fast concludes with the Paschal feast, so too, our fasting from the cross culminates in an adoration of the holy wood on which the sacrifice of Calvary was offered for our sins. Likewise, a fasting from the glorious images of the mysteries of faith and the saints in glory, culminates on the Easter night with a renewed appreciation of the glorious victory won by Christ, risen from the tomb to win for us eternal life."

**Fr. Bill Surmeier Funeral Arrangements** – **Vigil:** Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 5-8 PM Visitation with Vigil and Rosary beginning at 7 PM and Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am – 10:30am – St. Nicholas of Myra Parish Church, Hays; **Funeral:** Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM Funeral Mass followed by luncheon – St. Nicholas of Myra Parish Church, Hays. **Burial:** Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 3pm in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Oakley.

**Easter Lilies** – Lilies have been ordered, so if you are interested, you may purchase an Easter Lily as a memorial or to help pay off the balance. Please contact Everything's-a-Bloomin' for more information. Thank you!

**ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL NEWS:**

**School Carnival** - This year's carnival was a great success! The raffle alone brought in \$22,673. Great job, everyone! Thank you for the cakes, pies, bingo prizes, 2-liter bottles of pop, raffle prizes, cash donations, and everyone who worked hard to make this happen. It takes all of us working together to make this a fun successful day. Thank you again! Please find a list of raffle winners attached to this bulletin.

**ST. JOSEPH NEWS:**

**The April St. Catherine D of I meeting will be held on** Thursday, April 10, at 1:00 p.m. at the parish annex. The hostesses are Betty Hockersmith and Diane Solomon.

**ST. PAUL NEWS:**

**The Knights of Columbus** will meet on Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, at the hall in Angelus starting at 7:00 PM

**There will be soup and bread served** from 6:00 to 6:50 p.m. on Friday, April 11, in Angelus, before the Stations of the Cross.

**Our Tithes from Last Week**

Oakley: \$3,429.00 Angelus: \$777.00

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 05 – 5pm Mass + Parishioners
- Sun 06 – 8am Mass (Angelus) + John Rehmer  
 10:30am Mass + Jim Albers  
 2pm Angelus Communal Penance
- Mon 07 – No Mass  
 7pm Angelus K of C
- Tues 08 – 8:30am Mass + Bill Goetz  
 6:30pm Lenten Study in the rectory
- Wed 09 – 7:30am Mass (Angelus) + Marty Whipple  
 8am – 8pm Adoration at Angelus  
 6:30pm – 8pm Communal Penance in Oakley  
 7pm CCD at both parishes
- Thur 10 – 8:30am Communion Service  
 11:30am Chrism Mass in Salina  
 1pm D of I Meeting at the Annex
- Fri 11 – 7am Mass + Margie Schoenfeld  
 2:30pm St. Joseph School Stations of the Cross  
 6pm Angelus Soup supper  
 7pm Stations of the Cross at both parishes
- Sat 12 – *Gather in school for procession of palms* 5pm Mass  
 + Dennis & Connie Dawson
- Sun 13 – 8am Mass (Angelus) + Mary Rehmer  
*Gather in school for procession of palms* 10:30am Mass  
 + Parishioners

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

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Saturday Apr 12 <sup>th</sup> 5pm	Servers	Volunteers	Sunday Apr 13 <sup>th</sup> 10:30 am	Servers	Alexander B, Carter K. & Faith K.
	Lector	Tom Halbleib		Lector	Brad Joseph
	Gifts	Ethan & Maureen Schwarz		Gifts	Danny & Delores Lockhart
	Hospitality	Mike & Cassie Shirley		Hospitality	Danny & Delores Lockhart

Sunday, Apr 13 <sup>th</sup> 8 am	Servers	LaRynn & Lettie Rumback
	Lectors	Barney Dickman & Doug Robben
	Gifts	Ron & Nancy Bixenman
	Ushers	Jeff Ostmeyer, Joe Rehmer, Mark Rueschhoff & Ron Rietcheck