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From the Pastor



**The Mass Explained: By Cormac Burke**

**The purposes of the Mass**

**Communion** “Happy are those who are called to his supper.”

“If you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man, you will not have life in you.”  
 “Anyone who eats this bread will live forever...” We come to Mass because we have felt ourselves invited to accompany our Lord in his sacrifice while he offers himself for us and to offer ourselves with him. We come to Holy Mass, therefore, to take part in the sacrifice of Christ. When the moment of communion comes, we feel that our Lord continues to invite us. Now he is calling us to his supper where he offers himself to us to be the food of our souls. How hungry we should be to receive him!

The soul needs its nourishment even much more than the body. But we should not forget that while the appetite of the body is generally spontaneous (three or four times a day we *feel* like eating), the appetite of the soul is rather *reflexive* and *voluntary*: it is a consequence of faith. Stir up your faith in him who is hidden beneath the appearances of bread: “Lord, I recognize you.” Stir up your faith in his promises: “Anyone who eats this bread will live forever.” And your hunger for communion will increase from day to day.

We should be so eager to receive him! Holy Communion is the greatest gift we could be offered. And yet some people are not interested! They could go to communion frequently; but they don’t. And there are others who don’t go to communion because their weaknesses get the better of them. But why don’t they go to confession first, and then to communion? And then they will get *strength*, precisely to resist those weaknesses! But since God not only knows this but loves us, he has given us a source of special strength, of divine strength, in the sacrament. How eager we ought to be to receive them, especially those two which we can receive often, confession and communion.

We should put so much love into how we receive him! Always with faith, and always with love. If you really have faith, if you realize what it is you receive, you will receive him with love, just as it is with love that he comes to you. He comes to you with love, and you *ought* to receive him with love. There is no *obligation* to go to communion frequently. But if you do go to communion, then there is an obligation to receive him with love and affection. It would be such a lack of reverence to receive our Lord in a routine way, without trying to make many acts of faith and of love.

The Memorial Mass for the Parents of Deceased Children is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. Sunday, October 19 at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Salina. This Mass is open to all families who have lost a child. This Mass will count towards your Sunday obligation. A reception will follow the Mass.


**ST. PAUL NEWS:**

**SAVE THE DATE:** The annual St. Anne's Altar Society Bingo/Raffle will be on November 16, 2025, beginning with a free will offering soup supper at 5 p.m., followed by Bingo, drawing for raffle prizes, and homemade pie.

**ST. JOSEPH NEWS:**

All Catholic ladies are cordially invited to attend the upcoming meeting of the SDCCW West Vicariate, scheduled for Saturday, October 18, 2025, from approximately 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. CST. This meeting will take place in Oakley, Kansas, at the Church Annex building (formerly the nuns' residence) on the corner of 7th Street and Longview Street. Parking is available in front of the Annex as well as directly behind the Annex. It is about half a block northwest of St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Registration and coffee and rolls will be from about 9:00-9:30 A.M. CST. Father Jesse Ochs will speak about his trip to Rome to the group after Mass, and a free will lunch will be served by the Oakley ladies. Please mark the date on your calendars and plan to attend. All Catholic ladies are welcome to attend, so we encourage you to bring a friend or two — or more! Looking forward to seeing everyone!!

**If you would like to help with rolls in the morning or lunch, please contact Betty Hockersmith at 785-672-7413.**



**Our Tithes from Last Week**

Oakley: \$6,605.00 Angelus: \$962.00

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 11 – 5pm Mass + Danny George  
 Sun 12 – 8:00am Mass (Angelus) + Pauline Davis  
 10:30am Mass – Parishioners  
 Mon 13 – NO Mass  
 5:30pm School Council Meeting  
 Tues 14 – 8:30am Mass + Charles Anderson  
 9:30am Bible Study in the rectory  
 Wed 15 – 7:30am Mass (Angelus) + Living & deceased members of the John & Helene Baalman Family  
 6:15pm St. Paul Parish Council  
 7pm CCD Classes at both parishes  
 Thur 16 – 8:30am + Pauline Zimmerman  
 Fri 17 – 7am Mass + Todd Kuhlman  
 Sat 18 – 5pm Mass + Kevin Zimmerman  
 9am SDCCW Meeting in Oakley  
 Sun 19 – 8:00am Mass (Angelus) - Parishioners  
 10:30am Mass + Clem & Pauline Zerr

Confessions are available 30 minutes before weekend Masses, by appointment, or as indicated on the schedule.

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Saturday Oct 18 <sup>th</sup> 5pm	Servers	Volunteers	Sunday Oct 19 <sup>th</sup> 10:30 am	Servers	CYO
	Lector	Betty Hockersmith		Lector	CYO
	Gifts	Mike & Cassie Shirley		Gifts	CYO
	Hospitality	Allen & Jenny Bretz		Hospitality	CYO

Sunday, Oct 19 <sup>th</sup> 8 am	Servers	Natalie Bixenman
	Lectors	Gary Ostmeyer and Nancy Schwarz
	Gifts	Bob and Nancy Schwarz
	Ushers	Joe Rehmer, Mark Rueschhoff, Ron Rietcheck, and Jay Rietcheck