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FROM THE PASTOR



Dear Parishioners,

This time of year brings changes for families and parishes. Families graduate their sons and daughters from high school, college, or other schools to either begin careers or higher education for more career opportunities. As parishes many times priests are moved around to provide for the spiritual needs of the parishes that they serve. The Salina Diocese struggles every year at this time as we have a shortage of priests.

The changes apply to us in our parishes this year beginning in July. Father Rich Daise will be moving to Hoxie and ministering in Hoxie and Seguin. Father Stephen Songa will be moving to the parishes to help with the ministry needs in our group of parishes and to help with coverage when a priest needs to be away. Father Jesse Ochs will remain in our parishes.

When the rectory is completed this fall, we will also be getting a seminarian to live here and be a part of the parishes. Father Fred Gruber will be moving to Atwood to help Father Henry with Atwood, Herndon, and St. John (Beardsley). I will remain as Pastor over our current group of parishes.

Change can bring excitement but also anxiety. Families who experience this change at graduation know the excitement and sadness as their child matures and moves into their next stage of life. Parishes know the anxiety of new priests moving in, but also the excitement of the newness they bring with them. Priests experience the same feelings in their moves as well.

I ask that you please continue to pray for vocations and encourage young men to consider the vocation to the priesthood. Priests come from families that pray and sacrifice for their sons to answer the call. I know we will have more priests in Western Kansas than what we have had before, but this does not mean we can become complacent in our prayer for vocations.

May God bless you.

Fr. Brian J. Lager

ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEWS:

St. Joseph Bible Study: The Beatitudes will begin on Tuesday mornings, May 5, in the Conference Room at the rectory, following the 8:30 St. Joseph School Mass. The Bible, our Catechism, reflections from Early Church Fathers and present-day biblical scholars, Bishop Fulton J. Sheen’s *The Cross and the Beatitudes*, Examination of Conscience based on the Beatitudes, and more will help us with this spiritual journey as we study and discuss “Blessed are the . . .” All are welcome. Questions: call or text 672-0479.

D of I Meeting on Thursday, May 14th at 1 pm. Marylou VanEaton and Maxine Robben are hostesses.

Save the Date: Pizza with Padre at 5:30 on Wednesday, May 20, at Oakley’s Family Fun Center (the bowling alley). Pizza and drinks will be provided. You can leave your written questions/concerns for Father Jesse by the church doors, or just come ask. All are welcome!

Religious Ed / CYO Save the Dates:

Totus Tuus Parish:

This year, a team will be here from June 14th-19th in the evening for 7th-12th graders and June 15th-19th for 1st-6th graders (current grades). I will have paperwork and times the second week of June.

Totus Tuus Summer Camp:

Totus Tuus summer camp is located in Abbyville, KS. Campers arrive on Monday and depart on Friday. It is offered to 5-12th graders (the grade you will be going into in the 2026-27 school year). There are different sessions to choose from based on age group! This camp offers a week of sacraments, prayer, and community building! Registration is open and fills quickly.

Prayer and Action:

This summer, Prayer and Action is located in Ellsworth. Our week is July 12-17th. Prayer and Action is a five-day program in which 8-12th-grade students serve the community by doing yard work, painting, and other meaningful tasks for the poor, elderly, or people with disabilities. Alongside serving others, you are also receiving the sacraments and developing a deeper prayer life. The group rides with sponsors to the event. More information will come closer to this event.


JR. CYO Camp:

This year's Jr. CYO camp will be held September 5th-7th. It is open to 6th-8th graders. I will get a list of kids interested in the next summit event. It is at the Rock Springs Ranch outside of Junction City, KS. Registration starts May 1st, and the deadline is August 1st.

Please reach out to Bryn Kuhlman (913) 660-3805 for any more information/paperwork! These are great programs to participate in!

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL NEWS:

St. Joseph School is looking for volunteers for the following for the next school year: a couple of people to help with Winter Blast (Anita and Mike Kuhlman will help you this next year), and new members for the school council (we meet once a month). We encourage every family to prayerfully consider how they can share their time and talents this next school year. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the school.



Our Tithes from Last Week

Oakley: \$3,524.00 Angelus: \$1,314.00

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DAILY SCHEDULE

Sat 09 – 5pm Mass + Parishioners
Sun 10 – 8am Mass (Angelus) + Alfreda Stephens
 10:30 am Mass – Henry & Eldean Cahoj
Mon 11 – NO MASS
Tues 12 – 7:30-8am Confessions
 8:30am Mass + Fr. Joseph Scheetz
 9:30am Bible Study
Wed 13 – 7:30am Mass (Angelus) + Special Intention
 8am-7pm Adoration in Angelus
Thur 14 – 7:30-8am Confessions
 8:30am Mass + Todd Kuhlman
 9am – 7pm Adoration in Oakley
 1pm D of I Meeting
Fri 15 – 7am Mass + Fr. Charles Mazouch
 7:30-8am Confessions
Sat 16 – 5pm Mass + Delores Lockhart
Sun 17 – 8am Mass (Angelus) - Parishioners
 10:30 am Mass + Clara Zimmerman

Confessions are available in Oakley: Tues., Thurs, & Fri. 7:30-8am. Saturday: 4-4:45pm. Sunday: 7:30am in Angelus and 10am in Oakley.

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Saturday May 16 th 9pm	Servers	Volunteers	Sunday May 17 th 10:30 am	Servers	Xavier U., Jethro & Thomas C.
	Lector	Bob Kuhlman		Lector	Carrie Evins
	Gifts	Curt & Lila Thompson		Gifts	Jarred & Casey Zerr
	Hospitality	Curt & Lila Thompson		Hospitality	Mike & Katie Chrisler

Sunday, May 17 th 8 am	Servers	Natalie Bixenman
	Lectors	Nancy Schwarz & Doug Robben
	Gifts	Bob & Nancy Schwarz
	Ushers	Ray Schroeder, Bob & Eugene Schwarz, Tom Albers