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**The True Meaning of Memorial Day**

First, it's essential to understand what Memorial Day is actually about. It's not just the unofficial start of summer, or a day for barbecues and mattress sales. Memorial Day is a solemn national day of remembrance for those who have died in military service to our country.

As Catholics, we're especially equipped to understand the weight of sacrifice. After all, our faith is centered on the Cross—the ultimate act of self-sacrifice. So, we can and should pause to reflect on the meaning of giving one's life in service to others. As Our Lord Himself said, "Greater love than this no man hath, that a man lay down his life for his friends." (John 15:13)

But here's where the Catholic lens deepens the meaning: we're not just grateful in a vague patriotic way—we also see it as our duty to pray for the souls of the fallen.

**An Eternal Perspective**

Ultimately, Memorial Day invites us to think beyond this life. Our prayers remind us that this life is passing—that death awaits us all—and that only what we do for Christ will last.

The fallen soldiers we honor are not gone forever, nor are they statistics. They are souls—immortal souls—many of whom made an act of sacrificial love.

Our job is to remember them not with mere nostalgia, but with Catholic action. And to prepare for our own death with the same seriousness, praying that we, too, might die in a state of grace, having lived a life of service to God and neighbor.

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**A few calendar notes for the upcoming weeks. I know these will be in the bulletin elsewhere as well.**

**Holy Land Olive Art** will be at our parishes on the weekend of May 30 & 31<sup>st</sup>. They accept cash, checks, and all major credit cards.

**June 6-7 is the Solemnity of The Body and Blood of Jesus.** Pickin' on the Plains will be in Colby that weekend. I have an out-of-town wedding on June 6. Two priests from Nebraska will attend the festival and offer Mass at the fairgrounds and here at the Church. I am grateful they are willing to help out that weekend. Colby will have their annual Eucharistic Procession on June 7 after the 9 am Mass. We have only one Mass on Sunday to allow for that procession. Please plan accordingly.

**June 12 at 2 pm in the ordination of Deacon Luke Friess.** Deacon Benjamin King will also be ordained with him. Deacon King is a member of a new religious order being formed, and they will be taking up residence in our diocese. Please pray for Deacon Luke and Deacon Benjamin.

**ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEWS:**

**Lilies** are in the side chapel and can be taken home by anyone. 😊


**The West Vicariate** will hold its annual June meeting on Wednesday, June 10, 2026, at St. Agnes Parish (266 Cedar Street) in Grainfield, Kansas, from approximately 9 A.M. to 2 P.M. CST. Registration and coffee and sweets will be available from 9:00 - 9:30 A.M., followed by the meeting. A rosary will be celebrated at St. Agnes Church, followed by a lunch prepared by the St. Agnes ladies, with a free-will offering. Please consider coming to this meeting and sharing fellowship with other Catholic ladies in our Vicariate. Mark your calendars now and bring a carload of friends, too. We look forward to seeing you at this meeting.

**ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL NEWS:**

**Enrollment for St. Joseph School** will be on August 4 from 8:00 am-4:00 pm.

**St. Joseph School will start** school on August 18, with the public school, and end on May 14. However, we will not follow their time schedule. St. Joseph School will start at 7:50, so breakfast will be served from 7:25-7:50. Mass will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:00. We will then be dismissed at 3:30 each day. (Public school dismisses at 3:45) Just like last year, even though the public school dismisses on Wednesdays at 2:30, we will not dismiss until 3:30. The bus kids will stay here until the bus comes to pick them up. While waiting, they will be supervised and either do small activities or study. Preschool hours will remain the same as last year (8-11:00 am).

**St. Joseph School** is still looking for two more members to serve on the school council. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Selzer.



**Our Tithes from Last Week**

**Oakley: \$2,970.00 Angelus: \$951.00**

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**DAILY SCHEDULE**

- Sat 23 – 5pm Mass - Parishioners**
- Sun 24 – 8am Mass (Angelus) + Dave Campbell**  
 10:30 am Mass + Charles & Frances Goetz
- Mon 25 – 9am Mass (Angelus) + Cleon Heinrich**  
 9:45am VFW in Angelus  
 11am Prayer Service at St. Joseph Cemetery  
 11:20am VFW at St. Joseph Cemetery
- Tues 26 – 7am Mass + Jesse Hockersmith**  
 7:30-8am Confessions  
 9:30am Bible Study
- Wed 27 - 7:30am Mass (Angelus) + Wilfred & Donna Engel**
- Thur 28 – 7am Mass + Charles Anderson**  
 7:30-8am Confessions  
 9am – 7pm Adoration in Oakley
- Fri 29 – 7am Mass + Pauline Zimmerman**  
 7:30-8am Confessions
- Sat 30 – 5pm Mass + Pauline Zimmerman**
- Sun 31 – 8am Mass (Angelus) + Don Boeger**  
 10:30 am Mass - Parishioners

**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 30 <sup>th</sup> 8am	Servers	Volunteers	Sunday May 31 <sup>st</sup> 10:30 am	Servers	Faith K, Madeline k & Peyton K.
	Lector	Tom Halbleib		Lector	Bryn Kuhlman
	Gifts	Drew & Valerie Krier		Gifts	Mike & Aimee Zimmerman
	Hospitality	Allen & Jenny Bretz		Hospitality	Brad & Vicky Joseph

Sunday, May 30 <sup>th</sup> 8 am	Servers	Lawson & Lettie Rumback
	Lectors	Nancy Schwarz & Doug Robben
	Gifts	Andrew & Tristan Bixenman
	Ushers	Ray Schroeder, Bob & Eugene Schwarz, Tom Albers