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From the Pastor



A couple weeks ago I mentioned in my homily the precepts of the Church. In fact, there are traditionally five precepts of the Church (some now add a sixth). The next few weeks I will provide a brief description of each precept. To begin, though, it is good to understand, the Church. This is from Dr. Jeffrey Mirus: “The Church: The most important thing about the Precepts of the Church is that they are the precepts of the Church. We ought to pause to consider what the Church is, for it is no mere social body with purely human lines of authority and rules geared primarily toward its own preservation and growth. The Church is alternatively described in Scripture as the body of Christ (1 Cor 12:26-27; Col 1:18), the bride of Christ without spot or wrinkle (Eph 5:25-27), and the embodiment on earth of Divine authority, against which the gates of hell cannot prevail (Mt 16:18). The Church is the repository on earth of the power to forgive our sins (Jn 20:22-23). It is formed by our assimilation to Christ in the Eucharist (1 Cor 10:16-17). The hierarchy of the Church, despite being made up of sinful men, has the power to bind and loose on earth such that the same judgment is bound or loosed in heaven (Mt 16:19; Mt 18:18). The faith of the head of the hierarchy has been guaranteed by Christ Himself, for the purpose of ensuring a right faith in all the Church’s members (Lk 22:32). Thus, the Church remains always the household of God, “the pillar and bulwark of the truth” (1 Tim 3:15). Moreover, she is sent by Christ to preach and baptize, and secured by Christ until the end of time (Mk 16:15-16; Mt 28:19-20). Much more could be said about the Church, into which Our Lord has poured His very life, including all the goods and graces necessary for perfection, union with God and salvation: Tradition, Scripture, the Sacraments, the hierarchy, the priesthood, Divine authority, the fullness of truth—all of which combine to produce the sublimity of her doctrine, the holiness of her saints, and her unparalleled works of charity. Once we not only grasp the identity of the Church but begin to cherish the Church in her deepest reality, her precepts begin to glow in a whole new light. Though they are formulated as minimum requirements for the practicing Catholic, each one opens up a key aspect of a fully Christian life.”

**RCIA** - If you or someone you know are or might be interested in joining the Catholic Church, please contact Fr. Luke or Deacon Dennis to begin the process.

**Eucharistic Revival:** Every Monday there will be a new reflection on the Eucharist posted on the Diocese of Salina social media pages as well as on the diocesan website. To access the Eucharistic Revival page, click the learn more banner at the top of the Diocese of Salina home page, [salinadiocese.org](http://salinadiocese.org).

**St. Joseph News:** St. Joseph School began on August 23rd. If you have any pork, beef or fresh garden vegetables/fruit that you would be willing to donate, please call the school at 785-671-4451. Thank you for your continued support!

**CCD teachers’ meeting-** Wednesday, August 31, 7:00 pm at the rectory. Anyone willing to help in any capacity is welcome! ☺

**St. Catherine D of I** meeting next Thursday afternoon, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 p.m. at the annex.

**St. Joseph Bible Study:** We will begin a new study in two or three weeks on Tuesday mornings following the 8:30 St. Joseph School Mass. If interested, please text 785-672-0479 or call 785-671-3350 for more information.

**Our Tithes from Last Week:**  
 Oakley: \$5028.00    Angelus: \$2270.00

**DAILY SCHEDULE**

Sat 27 – 5pm Mass - Parishioners  
 Sun 28 - 8am Mass (Angelus) + Clara Zimmerman  
 10:30am + Cale Evins  
 Mon 29 – No Mass  
 Tues 30 – 8:30am Mass + Jim Robben Sr.  
 Wed 31 – 7:30am Mass(Angelus) + Marilyn Caldwell  
 6pm – Parents Club Ice Cream Social in Gym  
 6:30pm – St. Joseph School Open House  
 7pm CCD teachers’ meeting  
 Thur 01 – 8:30am Mass + Carolyn Denchfield  
 Fri 02 – 7am Mass + Frank & Anna Huelsman  
 7pm Adoration & Confessions  
 Sat 03 – 8am Confessions  
 9am Mass  
 5pm Mass - Parishioners  
 Sun 04 - 8am Mass (Angelus) + Don Boeger  
 10:30am + Pauline Zimmerman

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

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Saturday, Sept 3 <sup>rd</sup> 5 pm	Servers	Volunteers	Sunday Sept 4 <sup>th</sup> 10:30am	Servers	Shayden S, Ivan J. & Isabella U.
	Lectors	Betty Hockersmith		Lectors	Brad Joseph
	EMHC’s	None needed		EMHC’s	None needed
	Gifts	Kent & Faye Trompeter		Gifts	Alice Lindeman & Cheri Weber
	Hospitality	Kent & Faye Trompeter		Hospitality	Alice Lindeman & Cheri Weber

Sunday, Sept 4 <sup>th</sup> 8 am	Servers	Natalie Bixenman
	Lectors	Nancy Schwarz & Barney Dickman
	EMHC’s	Millie Baalman
	Gifts/Hosp.	Mark & Bernice Rueschhoff
	Ushers	Joe Rehmer, Ron Rietcheck, Jay Rietcheck & Ray Schroeder