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FROM THE PASTOR

The reality of spiritual warfare can either scare a soul or invigorate a soul to perseverance. While we are not privy to all the details of the spiritual realm which rages around us, vying for our souls, we have an important part to play in the outcome. We either choose to follow the will of God or not. “Enter through the narrow gate, for the path is wide and the road broad that leads to destruction, and those who enter through it are many. How narrow the gate and constricted the road that leads to life. And those who find it are few.” (Matthew 7:13-14) The philosophy that the majority of people enter into eternal life comes from around the 1500’s. It has pervaded and infiltrated swaths of Catholicism as of late. It is hope that we should all have, but Jesus himself has said that the path to heaven is narrow and trying. One of the many tricks of Satan is getting a soul to assume God’s mercy and eternal salvation for one’s soul. While there are many ways in which God dispenses his mercy and grace to a soul, the overarching assumption of salvation can be very precarious. Take care not to fall into this easy trap. While we can never gain our salvation ourselves, we have the duty to cooperate with Christ’s grace to help guide us to eternal life.

All priests will be in Wichita this next week for January Renewal Days. If a sacramental emergency arises, you can contact the priest in Scott City to see if he would be willing to come up. Otherwise, there won’t be a priest available until Thursday evening. Please keep us in your prayers. Thank you.

Mr. Kolt Hemmert is a seminarian for Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter aka FSSP. He is at Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary in Denton, NE. As he is just beginning his journey in seminary, he has several more years until priestly ordination. He will be a priest for the Fraternity and not a diocese. Nonetheless, a priest, no matter where he resides within the church, is vital to the life of the Church and to its mission of bringing people to Christ. Please keep him your prayers as he continues his discernment.

Pizza with Padre – Tuesday, February 6th at 6:30pm in St. Joseph’s School. It was a great turnout the last time, and the discussions were enlightening. Question buckets can be found at the entrances of the church to place questions in or ask them that evening. Hope to see you there!

ST. JOSEPH NEWS

Attention Liturgy Volunteers: Due to Catholic Schools Week, the volunteers assigned for Sunday, January 28th have been rescheduled. Please watch the bulletin for the changes. As always, thank you for your volunteering your time!

K of C Free-throw Contest will be held at 1pm, January 14th (Doors open at 12:30pm) at St. Joseph School. This is for all boys and girls ages 9 to 14, as of January 1, 2024. Participants are required to furnish written parental consent. Entry forms will be available at the site the day of the competition.

St. Joseph Parish Bible Study: *The Mass with Bishop Robert Barron* will begin Tuesday morning, January 16, at the rectory (Father’s house) following the 8:30 St. Joseph School Mass. *The Mass* “will help you understand how to fully, consciously, and actively participate in the source and summit of the Christian life.” It is a seven-week course. If you are interested, call or text Rosanne LaBarge at 785-672-0479 – or, simply, just come. You will be welcomed.

The Pizza Hut Fundraiser will be held on Monday evening, January 22nd with the Kindergarten parents delivering.

All ladies of the diocese are invited to the **SDCCW Workshop** on Sunday, January 28, 2024 at the St Agnes parish center in Grainfield from 1-4 (sign in begins at 12:30). Chuck Weber, Exec Director of the KS Catholic Conference will talk first on the election year ahead. The 2:00 program consists of a panel of “moms of religious” who will tell us about their sons/daughters who’ve chosen or are discerning the priesthood or religious life. Care packages will be put together at 3:30. Closing is scheduled for 4:00. Light refreshments will be served by the St Agnes ladies. (Let’s all begin praying for good weather!) If anyone would like a ride please call or text Betty Hockersmith at 785 672-7413.

ST. PAUL NEWS

St. Anne’s, Angelus Bingo and Card Party will be held on Sunday, February 4, 2023 at 6pm. A great time for families with a prize for every bingo and chances are available to win many raffle prizes!! All are welcome!!!

Capital Campaign Update: \$638K pledged and \$345K in the bank. Thank you for your continued support!!!!

Our Tithes from Last Week

Oakley: \$3,729.00 Angelus: \$1,350.00

DAILY SCHEDULE

Sat	13 – 5pm Mass + Special Intention for Jake Zimmerman
Sun	14 – 8am Mass (Angelus) + Special Intention for Ron & Linda Lager
	10:30am Mass + Parishioners 1pm Free Throw Contest at St. Joseph’s
Mon	15 – NO Mass
Tues	16 – 8:30am Communion service Bible study after the communion service
Wed	17 – NO Mass 7pm CCD Classes
Thur	18 – 8:30am Communion service
Fri	19 – 7am Mass + Pat Moeder
Sat	20 – 5pm Mass + Eric Ochs
Sun	21 – 8am Mass (Angelus) + Parishioners 10:30am Mass + Debra Campbell

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

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Saturday Jan 20 th 5 pm	Servers	Volunteers	Sunday Jan 21 st 10:30 am	Servers	CYO
	Lector	Bob Kuhlman		Lector	CYO
	Gifts	Ben & Christie Kuhlman		Gifts	CYO
	Hospitality	Stan & Kerri Scheetz		Hospitality	CYO

Sunday, Jan 21 st 8 am	Servers	Nick Robben
	Lectors	Gary Ostmeyer & Nancy Schwarz
	EMHC	Gary Ostmeyer
	Gifts	Bob & Rhonda Fellhoelter
	Hospitality	Joe Rehmer, Mark Rueschhoff, Ron Lager & Jay Rietcheck