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FROM THE PASTOR



From a sermon by St. Leo the Great: Our words and exhortations are not intended to make you disdain God’s works or think there is anything contrary to your faith in creation, for the good God has himself made all things good. What we do ask is that you use reasonably and with moderation all the marvelous creatures which adorn this work; as the Apostle says: The things that are seen are transient but the things that are unseen are eternal. For we are born in the present only to be reborn in the future. Our attachment, therefore, should not be to the transitory; instead, we must be intent upon the eternal. Let us think of how divine grace has transformed our earthly natures so that we may contemplate more closely our heavenly hope. We hear the Apostle say: You are dead and your life is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ your life appears, then you will also appear in glory with him, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

Ash Wednesday is this Wednesday, February 14th. Ash Wednesday observance trumps any Valentine’s day plans. Please plan accordingly. Mass times are listed in the Daily Schedule section.

Lenten Norms: A reminder on the Latin Catholic Church’s norms for Lenten Observances: 1) Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. 2) For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. 3) The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

Lenten Study – Oakley is Thursdays (starting February 15th) at 6pm in the School and Angelus is Tuesdays (starting February 20th) at 7pm in the Rectory. This year we will be looking at Vatican II. We will begin a video introducing Vatican II and then each group can decide which document(s) they would like to read and discuss throughout Lent.

College Scholarships – If you are a 2024 graduating senior, or the parent of a graduating senior, there is an article on the parish website under “Parish Headlines” for Diocesan Scholarships. Students are encouraged to apply online by March 1st.

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL NEWS

School Council meeting is Monday, February 12th, at 6:15pm.

Pizza Hut Fundraiser will be held on Monday, February 19th with the 4th grade parents delivering.

St. Joseph Kindergarten Screening will be Thursday, Feb. 22. Children must be 5 on or before August 31, 2024. Call 785-671-4451 to schedule a screening time. Areas screened are: motor skills, communication and academic readiness. It takes approximately 30 minutes and parents do not need to stay.

St. Joseph School Carnival - The annual St. Joseph School Carnival is Sunday, April 28. We are in the process of preparing raffle tickets and could use your donation. If you wish to donate a prize for the raffle please contact the school office by phone at 785-671-4451 or email us at schooloffice@sjoakley.org before Friday, March 1st 2024. Thank you for your continued support!

ST. PAUL NEWS

Daisy Fellhoelter’s funeral arrangements are as follows: Visitation – Sunday from 1pm – 3pm in Grinnell with the Vigil service at 2pm. Mass of Christian Burial – Monday at 10am in Grinnell. Burial will be in Angelus with a luncheon to follow in the Grinnell Church Hall.

St. Anne’s Altar Society, Angelus will meet in the rectory on Monday, February 12 at 7pm.

St. Anne’s, Angelus Bingo and Card Party will be held on Sunday, February 18, 2023 at 6pm. A great time for families with a prize for every bingo and chances are available to win many great raffle prizes!! All are welcome!!!

Capital Campaign Update: \$638K pledged and \$365K in the bank. Thank you for your continued support!!!!

Periodic updates and pictures on the progress of project can be found both on St. Paul’s Facebook page and on the parish website <https://sjoakley.org/st-paul>

Thank you to all who helped take down the crucifix to be stored until it goes back up in a few months. The foreman was impressed by the turnout and dedication of the community to help when asked. Thank you again!!!

Our Tithes from Last Week

Oakley: \$4389.00 Angelus: \$501.00

DAILY SCHEDULE

Sat	10 – 5:00pm Mass + Jesse Hockersmith
Sun	11 – 8am Mass (Angelus) + Kathleen Zerr 10:30am Mass – Parishioners 2pm Vigil Service for Daisy Fellhoelter in Grinnell
Mon	12 – NO Mass 10am Funeral Mass for Daisy Fellhoelter in Grinnell 6:15pm school council meeting 7pm – Angelus Altar Society in the rectory
Tues	13 – 8:30am Mass + Deborah Campbell Bible study after the Mass
Wed	14 – 12:07pm Ash Wednesday School Mass + Raymond Bussen 6pm Mass + Dennis Dawson 7pm CCD Classes at both parishes 7:40pm (Angelus) Mass + Fr. David Wilton
Thur	15 – 8:30am Mass + Charles Anderson 6pm Oakley Lenten Study at St. Joseph School
Fri	16 – 7am Mass + Clara Zimmerman 7pm Stations of the Cross at both parishes
Sat	17 – 5:00pm Mass + David Zimmerman
Sun	18 – 8am Mass (Angelus) - Parishioners 10:30am Mass + Vesta Ostmeyer 6pm Angelus Bingo & Card Party at the K of C Hall

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

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Saturday Feb 17 th 5 pm	Servers	Volunteers	Sunday Feb 18 th 10:30 am	Servers	Ivan J., Alexa W. & Breckyn S.
	Lector	Nolin Kuhlman		Lector	Marylou VanEaton
	Gifts	Bob & Sherri Kuhlman		Gifts	Chris & Jessica Halbleib Family
	Hospitality	Bob & Sherri Kuhlman		Hospitality	Chris & Jessica Halbleib Family

Sunday, Feb 18 th 8 am	Servers	Nick Robben
	Lectors	Doug Robben & Ron Lager
	EMHC	Gary Ostmeyer
	Gifts	Jeff & Amanda Ostmeyer
	Hospitality	Doug Robben, Ray Schroeder, Bob Schwarz & Eugene Schwarz