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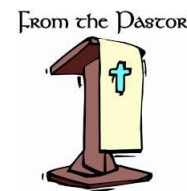
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From the Pastor From a homily by St. John Chrysostom - Prayer and converse with God is a supreme good: it is a partnership and union with God. As the eyes of the body are enlightened when they see light, so our spirit, when it is intent on God, is illumined by his infinite light. I do not mean the prayer of outward observance but prayer from the heart, not confined to fixed times or periods, but continuous throughout the day and night. Our spirit should be quick to reach out toward God not only when it is engaged in meditation; at other times also, when it is carrying out its duties, caring for the needy, performing works of charity, giving generously in the service of others, our spirit should long for God, and call him to mind, so that these works may be seasoned with the salt of God's love, and so make a palatable offering to the Lord of the universe. Throughout the whole of our lives we may enjoy the benefit that comes from prayer if we devote a great deal of time to it. Prayer is the light of the spirit, true knowledge of God, mediating between God and man. The spirit, raised up to heaven by prayer, clings to God with the utmost tenderness; like a child crying tearfully for its mother, it craves the milk that God provides. It seeks the satisfaction of its own desires, and receives gifts outweighing the whole world of nature.

Lenten Study: Angelus – Session 1; Feb. 20 at 7pm. Oakley – Session 2: Sacrosanctum Concilium Chapter 1; Feb 22 at 6pm.

The Catholic Rural Life Centennial Celebration will be held on February 29th at KSU St. Isidore Catholic Campus Center. This event is free to attend. Doors open at 5:30pm, meal is served at 6pm followed by the Catholic Rural Life presentation. RSVP by Thursday, February 22nd to ensure their capacity to seat all guests for dinner. For more information you can either visit salinadiocese.org/office/rural-life or call Sienna Wingerson at (785) 282-8048.

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.

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.

Sacred Heart School in Colby invites you to join them for the annual School Carnival from 11:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m., Sunday, February 25, 2024. The Carnival is held in the school with games, bingo, a cake walk, kitchen/bath walk, concessions and prizes! Game tickets are 25¢ each or 20 tickets for \$5. Lunch is served in the Church Basement and the menu includes: bierocks, hot dogs, polish sausage, baked beans, chips, pie, cookies & drinks. Full meals are only \$5!

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL NEWS

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

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>

The Fellhoelter Family wishes to express a sincere THANK YOU to each and every one of you for your kindness at the loss of their mother, Daisy.



Our Tithes from Last Week

Oakley: \$2665.00 Angelus: \$1182.00

DAILY SCHEDULE

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
Mon	19 – NO Mass 5pm – 7pm Pizza Hut Fundraiser/4 th grade parents deliver 7pm vigil for Anna Selenke at Baalman Mortuary
Tues	20 – 8:30am Mass + Pauline Zimmerman 10am Funeral Mass for Anna Selenke at the church 7pm Angelus Lenten Study in the rectory
Wed	21 – 7:30am (Angelus) Mass + Harold Stephens 7pm CCD Classes at both parishes
Thur	22 – 8:30am Mass + Leroy Heinrich 6pm Oakley Lenten Study in the rectory
Fri	23 – 7am Mass + Charlotte Wasko 7pm Stations of the Cross at both parishes
Sat	24 – 5:00pm Mass - Parishioners
Sun	25 – 8am Mass (Angelus) + Jim Stephens 10:30am Mass + Raymond Bussen

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

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Saturday Feb 24 th 5 pm	Servers	Volunteers	Sunday Feb 25 th 10:30 am	Servers	Carter S., Cody A. & Shayden S.
	Lector	Micheline Huffman		Lector	Betty Hockersmith
	Gifts	Mike & Aimee Zimmerman		Gifts	Danny & Delores Lockhart
	Hospitality	David & Dana Charles		Hospitality	Danny & Delores Lockhart

Sunday, Feb 25 th 8 am	Servers	Johnathan Ostmeyer
	Lectors	Doug Robben & Ron Lager
	EMHC	Steve Fellhoelter
	Gifts	Joe & Jeannie Rehmer
	Hospitality	Doug Robben, Ray Schroeder, Bob Schwarz & Eugene Schwarz