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**FROM THE PASTOR** From a Treatise on John by St. Augustine - A woman came. She is a symbol of the Church not yet made righteous but about to be made righteous. Righteousness follows from the conversation. She came in ignorance, she found Christ, and he enters into conversation with her. Let us see what it is about, let us see why a Samaritan woman came to draw water. The Samaritans did not form part of the Jewish people: they were foreigners. The fact that she came from a foreign people is part of the symbolic meaning, for she is a symbol of the Church. The Church was to come from the Gentiles, of a different race from the Jews... We must then recognize ourselves in her words and in her person, and with her give our own thanks to God. She was a symbol, not the reality; she foreshadowed the reality, and the reality came to be. She found faith in Christ, who was using her as a symbol to teach us what was to come. She came then to draw water. She had simply come to draw water, in the normal way of man or woman...He asks for a drink, and he promises a drink. He is in need, as one hoping to receive, yet he is rich, as one about to satisfy the thirst of others. He says: If you knew the gift of God. The gift of God is the Holy Spirit. But he is still using veiled language as he speaks to the woman and gradually enters into her heart. Or is he already teaching her? What could be gentler and kinder than the encouragement he gives?

**Lenten Study:** Angelus – Tuesday at 7pm in the Rectory – Gaudium et Spes Part 1: Chaps 2 & 3. Oakley – Thursday at 6pm in the Rectory – Sacrosanctum Concilium – Chapters 5-7.

**The Lenten Confession Schedule for the West Deanery** is posted at each entrance of the churches. Please refer to them for upcoming confession times. Oakley is Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm and Angelus is Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.

**New to St. Joseph Parish?** If you are new to the parish and would like to register, you can you can contact Fr. Luke, the parish office or register on the website [sjoakley.org](http://sjoakley.org). Welcome!!!!

**You are invited!** to a Lenten Parish Mission in Grinnell at Immaculate Conception Church with Fr. Ben Cameron of the Fathers of Mercy, March 17-21st. See the bulletin board for more info.

**St. Patrick's Day Dinner at Immaculate Conception Church, Grinnell,** will take place on Sunday, March 17th, serving 11:00-1:00 with a free will donation--serving roast beef and ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, cheesy potatoes, salads, and pie for dessert. St. Mary's Altar Society will have a Cash, plus \$300 Beef bundle Raffle for Adults at \$20/ticket. There will be a separate Children's Raffle with 2 top prizes of an electric ATV, and other nice prizes, including cash, also for \$20/ticket. For more info, contact Leona at 785-672-1201.

**ST. JOSEPH NEWS**

**Coffee and Conversation** will be held on Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9am in the Annex. The D of I ladies will be serving rolls, coffee and juice. Come join us and get to know your parish family! Everyone is welcome!

**ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL NEWS**

**School Council meeting** is Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:15pm.

**Pizza Hut Fundraiser** will be held on Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup> with the 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents delivering.

The school has an extra piano that they would like to go to a good home. If you are interested please call the school and inquire.

**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](mailto:schooloffice@sjoakley.org) before Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup> 2024. Thank you for your continued support!

**ST. PAUL NEWS**

Angelus K of C Meeting on Monday March 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Hall.

**St. Paul Update:** The walls and ceiling have all been plastered and primed. Color will start to go up on the ceiling and walls next week, if it hasn't already begun from the time of this being written. 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>

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

**Our Tithes from Last Week**

Oakley: \$4214.00    Angelus: \$416.00

**DAILY SCHEDULE**

Sat	02 – 8am Confessions 9am Mass 5:00pm Mass + Loretta Schoenfeld
Sun	03 – 8am Mass (Angelus) + Daisy Fellhoelter 10:30am Mass – Parishioners 9am – Coffee and Conversation at the annex
Mon	04 – NO Mass 6:15pm School Council Meeting 7pm K of C Meeting in Angelus
Tues	05 – 8:30am Mass + Bill Goetz 7pm Angelus Lenten Study in the rectory
Wed	06 – 7:30am (Angelus) Mass + Beatta Robben 6:30pm Confessions in Oakley with 4 confessors 7pm CCD Classes at both parishes
Thur	07 – 8:30am Mass + Bob Huelsman 6pm Oakley Lenten Study in the rectory
Fri	08 – 7am Mass + Larry Kuhlman 7pm Stations of the Cross at both parishes
Sat	09 – 5:00pm Mass + Thomas G. Zimmerman
Sun	10 – 8am Mass (Angelus) - Parishioners 10:30am Mass + Joseph & Evelyn Engel

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

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Saturday Mar 9 <sup>th</sup> 5 pm	Servers	Volunteers	Sunday Mar 10 <sup>th</sup> 10:30 am	Servers	Brynn & Kambrie H., Parker K.
	Lector	Mike Kuhlman		Lector	Bailey Anderson
	Gifts	Darin & Kim Munk		Gifts	Mike & Katie Chrisler Family
	Hospitality	Darin & Kim Munk		Hospitality	Mike & Katie Chrisler Family

Sunday, Mar 10 <sup>th</sup> 8 am	Servers	Natalie Bixenman
	Lectors	Bill Kuhlman & Barney Dickman
	EMHC	None Needed
	Gifts	Doug & Kim Robben
	Hospitality	Ron Bixenman, Daryl, Andrew, & Mason Bixenman