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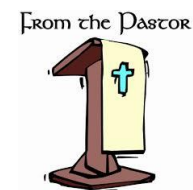
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FROM THE PASTOR The Lord tells us: I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. In these few words he gives a command and makes a promise. Let us do what he commands so that we may not blush to covet what he promises and to hear him say on the day of judgment: “I laid down certain conditions for obtaining my promises. Have you fulfilled them?” If you say: “What did you command, Lord our God?” he will tell you: “I commanded you to follow me. You asked for advice on how to enter into life. What life, if not the life about which it is written: With you is the fountain of life?” Let us do now what he commands. Let us follow in the footsteps of the Lord. Let us throw off the chains that prevent us from following him. Who can throw off these shackles without the aid of the one addressed in these words: You have broken my chains? Another psalm says of him: The Lord frees those in chains, the Lord raises up the downcast. Those who have been freed and raised up follow the light. The light they follow speaks to them: I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness. The Lord gives light to the blind. Brethren, that light shines on us now, for we have had our eyes anointed with the eye-salve of faith. His saliva was mixed with earth to anoint the man born blind. We are of Adam’s stock, blind from our birth; we need him to give us light. He mixed saliva with earth, and so it was prophesied: Truth has sprung up from the earth. He himself has said: I am the way, the truth, and the life. If you love me, follow me. “I do love you,” you protest, “but how do I follow you?” If the Lord your God said to you: “I am the truth and the life,” in your desire for truth, in your love for life, you would certainly ask him to show you the way to reach them. You would say to yourself: “Truth is a great reality, life is a great reality; if only it were possible for my soul to find them!”

The sign-up sheet for the Sacred Triduum is located at the main entrance of the church on the bulletin board. Please be willing to give your time to help make this highest and most solemn masses/service of the liturgical year beautiful. Thank you.

Lenten Study: Angelus – Tuesday at 7pm in the Rectory – Gaudium et Spes Part 1: Chap 4 through Part 2: Chap 2. Oakley – Thursday at 6pm in the Rectory – Handout.

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 SCHOOL NEWS

Pizza Hut Fundraiser will be held on Monday, March 18th with the 5th 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 Preschool - We are now taking preschool applications for the 2024-25 school year. Please stop by the school office to pre-enroll or you may call the school at 785-671-4451. Pre-enrollment forms are located in the back of the church.

St. Joseph School is looking for a teacher for the 2024-2025 school year. Please contact Michelle Selzer at the school 785-671-4451 or mselzer@sjoakley.org.


Parishioner, Naida Blair, will celebrate her 95th birthday on Tuesday, March 12. If you would care to send her a card, birthday greetings can reach her at 123 Price Ave in Oakley. Naida cooked lunches at SJS for 25 years, until she retired in 1987.

ST. PAUL NEWS

St. Anne Altar Society will hold their March meeting on Monday, March 11, at 7:00 in the rectory. The agenda will include results of the food bingo held in February and discussion about future bingos. Do you want to return to a November date or keep February? Do you want to change the raffle from items to cash prizes? Do you want to include a soup supper before the bingo? Come express your opinions or call Linda or Kristy before the meeting with your ideas.

St. Paul Update: Color is beginning to be applied. The muralist will begin their work this week, I believe. Because the plaster went up very quickly, they actually made up some time. Completion is now back around the Easter Sunday time-frame, but not for certain. 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: \$2972.00 Angelus: \$919.00

DAILY SCHEDULE

Sat	09 – 5:00pm Mass + Thomas G. Zimmerman
Sun	10 – 8am Mass (Angelus) - Parishioners 10:30am Mass + Joseph & Evelyn Engel
Mon	11 – NO Mass 7pm St. Anne’s Altar Society Meeting, Angelus 7pm Finance Council, 8pm Parish Council
Tues	12 – 7am Mass + Ron Kuhlman Bible Study at 9:30am 7pm Angelus Lenten Study in the rectory
Wed	13 – 7:30am (Angelus) Mass + Ed & Irene Huelsman 7pm CCD Classes at both parishes
Thur	14 – 7am Mass - Jake Zimmerman 6pm Oakley Lenten Study in the rectory 7:30pm Angelus Parish Council meeting at the hall
Fri	15 – 7am Mass + Linda Rumback 7pm Stations of the Cross at both parishes
Sat	16 – 5:00pm Mass - Parishioners
Sun	17 – 8am Mass (Angelus) + Clara Zimmerman 10:30am Mass + Pat Moeder

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

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Saturday Mar 16 th 5 pm	Servers	Volunteers	Sunday Mar 17 th 10:30 am	Servers	Brecken H, Carter K, Faith K.
	Lector	Bob Kuhlman		Lector	Carrie Evins
	Gifts	Darren & Tori Goetz Family		Gifts	Christopher & Jessica Halbleib Family
	Hospitality	Allen & Jenny Bretz Family		Hospitality	Christopher & Jessica Halbleib Family

Sunday, Mar 17 th 8 am	Servers	Nick Robben
	Lectors	Bill Kuhlman & Barney Dickman
	EMHC	None Needed
	Gifts	Mark & Bernice Rueschhoff
	Hospitality	Ron Bixenman, Daryl, Andrew, & Mason Bixenman