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FROM THE PASTOR



Catholics should be attentive to what attracts outsiders to the Faith. The little traditions - many of which have been lost - teach and inspire others to enter more fully into the mysteries of faith. Thankfully the beloved custom of veiling statues for Passiontide (the final two weeks of Lent) is being rediscovered in many parishes (after having been hastily discarded in the sixties, the casualty of a frenzy for modernization). Why are images veiled or hidden on the eve of Passiontide? This custom arose in order to help Catholics mystically enter into the final days of Christ's life on earth. The covering of sacred images has the effect of focusing attention on Christ's Passion, and the manner in which He veiled His divinity to suffer in His humanity for the redemption of the world. For Passiontide, the Church's ritual becomes extra penitential. Indeed, in the Latin Church, we "hide" His images for two weeks out of the year in a spirit of penance and mourning. An acute sadness is felt in the human heart. We long to be reunited with Him. The veil suggests the discomfort of being separated from Him. We prepare for the agony and triumph of the Easter Triduum. Outsiders are intrigued by these little customs. Children remember them. The Faith is passed on. Let us preserve the inheritance that has been handed on to us by the wisdom of our forefathers in the Faith.

The Chrism Mass is Thursday, March 21st, at 11:30am at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Salina. It is the day that the new oils to be used for the various sacraments are blessed/consecrated and the priests renew their priestly promises that they made at their ordination. All are welcome to attend. There will be no mass here that day.

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.

Palm Sunday: Next weekend's masses in Oakley will begin in the school with the procession of palms. If you are unable to participate in the procession, blessed palms will be brought to the church.

Lenten Study: Angelus – Tuesday at 7pm in the Rectory.

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.

Saturday Mar 23 th 5 pm	Servers	Volunteers	Sunday Mar 24 th 10:30 am	Servers	Nolin & Peyton K., Alexa W.
	Lector	Madeline Kuhlman		Lector	Kay Hughes
	Gifts	Dennis & Jane Schwarz		Gifts	Brad & Vicky Joseph
	Hospitality	Dennis & Jane Schwarz		Hospitality	Brad & Vicky Joseph

ST. JOSEPH 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.

The Oakley Knights of Columbus Fish Fry is Friday, March 22nd from 5 – 7pm in St. Joseph school. Fried fish, cheesy potatoes, coleslaw, and Texas toast. Free will donation to support paying for insurance and pro-life organizations.

ST. PAUL NEWS

St. Paul Update: Color is being applied, and the ceiling is close to being completely done. The muralist will begin their work this week. Completion is now back around the Easter Sunday time-frame, but not for certain. Specific plans to move back in will forthcoming. 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: \$4416.00 Angelus: \$582.00

DAILY SCHEDULE

Sat	16 – 5:00pm Mass - Parishioners
Sun	17 – 8am Mass (Angelus) + Clara Zimmerman 10:30am Mass + Pat Moeder
Mon	18 – NO Mass 5 – 7pm Pizza Hut Fundraiser
Tues	19 – 7am Mass + Rita Schwarz Bible Study at 9:30am 7pm Angelus Lenten Study in the rectory
Wed	20 – 7:30am (Angelus) Mass + Catherine Wahlmeier 7pm CCD Classes at both parishes
Thur	21 – 8:30am – Communion Service 11:30am – Chrism Mass in Salina
Fri	22 – 7am Mass + Helen Ostmeyer 5-7pm – K of C Fish Fry 7pm Stations of the Cross at both parishes
Sat	23 – 5:00pm Mass - Parishioners
Sun	24 – 8am Mass (Angelus) + Charla Moos 10:30am Mass + Brenner/Kuhlman Families Procession of Palms will begin in the school

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

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Sunday, Mar 24 th 8 am	Servers	Johnathan Ostmeyer
	Lectors	Bill Kuhlman & Barney Dickman
	EMHC	None Needed
	Gifts	Don & Dorothy Schroeder
	Hospitality	Ron Bixenman, Daryl, Andrew, & Mason Bixenman