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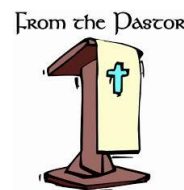
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FROM THE PASTOR

From a letter written to Heliodorus by St. Jerome: To You, O Saviour Christ, do we Your creatures offer thanks that, when You were slain, You slew our mighty adversary. Before Your coming was there any being more miserable than man who cowering at the dread prospect of eternal death did but receive life that he might perish! For death reigned from Adam to Moses even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression. (Romans 5:14) If Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob be in hell, who can be in the kingdom of heaven? If Your friends — even those who had not sinned themselves — were yet for the sins of another liable to the punishment of offending Adam, what must we think of those who have said in their hearts “There is no God; who are corrupt and abominable in their self-will, and of whom it is said they are gone out of the way, they have become unprofitable; there is none that does good, no not one?” (Romans 3:12)... Before Christ's coming Abraham is in the lower regions: after Christ's coming the robber is in paradise. And therefore at His rising again many bodies of the saints which slept arose, and were seen in the heavenly Jerusalem. (Matthew 27:52-53) Then was fulfilled the saying: Awake you that sleep, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light. (Ephesians 5:14) John the Baptist cries in the desert: repent ye; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. (Matthew 3:2) For from the days of John the Baptist the kingdom of heaven suffers violence and the violent take it by force. (Matthew 11:12) The flaming sword that keeps the way of paradise and the cherubim that are stationed at its doors (Genesis 3:24) are alike quenched and unloosed by the blood of Christ. It is not surprising that this should be promised us in the resurrection: for as many of us as living in the flesh do not live after the flesh, (2 Corinthians 10:3) have our citizenship in heaven, and while we are still here on earth we are told that the kingdom of heaven is within us.

The transitional diaconate ordination of Kade Megaffin, Jesse Ochs and Adam Urban is scheduled for Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 10am at Sacred Heart Cathedral. Next year these three will be ordained priests for our diocese. Please keep them in your prayers as they make final preparations, physical and spiritual, for this milestone in their vocational journey. All are welcome to attend.

No confessions on Friday or Saturday nor mass Saturday morning, because Fr. Luke is attending a seminarian event and the diaconate ordination in Salina.

**ST. JOSEPH NEWS**

**St. Joseph Parish Bible Study: *Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist*** - *Unlocking the Secrets of the Last Supper* by Brant Pitre. The book can be ordered on line. The paperback version includes a Study Guide: Summary of Key Points, Important Bible Passages, and Questions for Reflection and Discussion for each of eight chapters. The hardback copy does NOT have the Study Guide. We will meet on Tuesday mornings at the rectory (Father's house) following the 8:30 St. Joseph School Mass, the first session will be April 9. If you are interested, call or text Rosanne LaBarge at 785-672-0479.

**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** is looking for a cook for the 2024-2025 school year. Please contact Mrs. Selzer at 785-671-4451 or email at [mjelzer@sjoakley.org](mailto:mjelzer@sjoakley.org).

**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 [mjelzer@sjoakley.org](mailto:mjelzer@sjoakley.org).

**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. PAUL NEWS**

**St. Paul Update:** We are in the last few stages of the project. Final touches are starting to be done, and the muralist has begun his work. It will still be a couple weeks, so overall, not too bad on timing for a project this size. 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>

**K of C meeting** will be April 1<sup>st</sup> at 7pm in the K of C hall.

**Divine Mercy Sunday** is the Sunday after Easter! Mercy Sunday is our "get out of jail free card" if we have been to confession and Communion! All punishment for sin is remitted for those souls who have been to confession and communion on Mercy Sunday! (699 of Diary or see the Marians of the Immaculate Conception podcast) If one is homebound, we can fulfill the requirements also, simply by making a spiritual Communion! Devotion to the Divine Mercy and the chaplet will follow Mass on that day.

**Capital Campaign Update:** \$638K pledged and \$381K in the bank. Thank you for your continued support!!!!



**Our Tithes from Last Week**

Oakley: \$12,080.23 Angelus: \$451.00

**DAILY SCHEDULE**

Sat	30	– 9:00pm Mass - Parishioners
Sun	31	– 8am Mass (Angelus) + Marilyn Caldwell 10:30am Mass + Robert Waldman
Mon	01	– NO Mass 7pm K of C Meeting in Angelus
Tues	02	– 8:30am Communion Service 7pm – Vigil for Charlotte Albers at St. Joseph Church
Wed	03	– 7:30am (Angelus) Mass + Bernard Huelsman 10am – Funeral Mass for Charlotte Albers at St. Joseph 7pm Religious Education Classes at both parishes
Thur	04	– 8:30am Mass + Charles Anderson
Fri	05	– 7am + Vesta Ostmeyer 7pm - Adoration
Sat	06	– 9am – Benediction/Reposition 5:00pm Mass + Eleanor Kruse
Sun	07	– 8am Mass (Angelus) + Kathleen Zerr 9am Coffee and Conversation at the annex 10:30am Mass - Parishioners

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

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Saturday April 6 <sup>th</sup> 5 pm	Servers	Volunteers	Sunday April 7 <sup>th</sup> 10:30 am	Servers	Madeline K, Brecken & Carter S.
	Lector	Cecilia Brungardt		Lector	Brandon Maurath
	Gifts	Casey & Brandy Anderson		Gifts	Russ & Angie Kahle Family
	Hospitality	Alice Lindeman & Bea Albers		Hospitality	Russ & Angie Kahle Family

Sunday, Apr 7 <sup>th</sup> 8 am	Servers	Nick Robben
	Lectors	Millie Baalman & Nancy Schwarz
	EMHC	None Needed
	Gifts	Loren & Teresa Stephens
	Hospitality	Barney Dickman, Bob, Lee & Clem Fellhoelter