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FROM THE PASTOR



One of the main characteristics of the Gospel of John is the evangelist's use of the phrase "I am," this is why the Gospels for Lent and Easter often draw from this Gospel. Its understanding of who Jesus was in the early community of faith is fitting for us as we celebrate the Paschal Mystery today. The 4th Sunday of Easter is known as "Good Shepherd Sunday" because each year a portion of John 10, Jesus' discourse on the good shepherd is proclaimed. This discourse takes place at Hanukkah, the feast of the dedication of the Temple. A central reading at this feast was taken from the prophet Ezekiel 34, which condemned the false shepherds of Israel. The image of the shepherd is common in the Old Testament. Abraham, Moses, David and Amos were all shepherds, not only because of the work they did, but because they were called by God to guide the people. As shepherds seek out their flock when they are scattered, so does Jesus, the Good Shepherd, seek out those who are lost. The metaphorical "wolf" is present in every age in persons or issues that impede our appreciation of God's everlasting love, and the hired men may reflect the Pharisees. In this Gospel, the passage follows the story of the man born blind in chapter 9, which ends with an attack on the Pharisees. The Pharisees did not recognize Jesus, but the people of God, symbolized by the blind man, did. Today's reading continues the theme of attack on the "blind" shepherds of Israel. Today's reading offers three significant messages: 1) Jesus stands in contrast to the sinful religious leaders who did not take care of their people. 2) Jesus revealed God as good and loving, not as a wolf that traps and scatters the sheep. 3) The laying down of the shepherd's life is unique to Jesus. That is why he is the "good" shepherd. The Easter season is one of joyfully celebrating the Resurrection of Christ, and how his glory has conquered sin and death. One of these ways is the blessing of homes, which, outside of extraordinary circumstances, can be done once a year. Not many have had this done at all, and even fewer have it done every year. It doesn't mean that demons will infiltrate your home if you don't, but it does sanctify the home to allow graces to be bestowed upon the home and those who dwell therein. Do not fall into the trap of thinking that I am too busy and it would be a burden to me to come and bless your home. Please let me decide if I am too busy. I will make time to come bless your home. I hope that many take the opportunity to have this done to celebrate the Easter season and bring Christ even more into your home.

**ST. JOSEPH NEWS**

**St. Joseph School Carnival is Sunday, April 28.** Raffle ticket books are available at the entrances of the church and at the school. We would appreciate your donation of Bingo prizes (\$7 - \$10 value, new items for all ages), cakes for the cake walk, and 2-liter bottles of pop for the Pop Bottle Ring Toss game. Thank you for your continued support!

**St. Joseph Spring Program** will be held on Wednesday, May 15th at 7pm.

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

**St. Joseph School** is looking for a 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher for the 2024-2025 school year. Please contact Michelle Selzer at the school 785-671-4451 or [mselzer@sjoakley.org](mailto:mselzer@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:** The Crucifix was rehung and the murals have started to go up. Installation of the murals will continue next week and then the scaffolding will start being disassembled. Still a couple weeks until we move back in. 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:** \$641K pledged and \$384K in the bank. Thank you for your continued support!!!!

**From the Diocese of Salina:** The Chancery Office is recruiting a full time Accountant. This finance professional assists the Controller in managing the financial resources of the Diocese and benefits plans for employees. The person be able to demonstrate their personal initiative, professionalism, advanced computer skills and attention to detail. The applicant would be known for always exercising discretion and confidentiality. The person right for us would be motivated by the mission of the Catholic Church. The time might be right for you to make a change. For a confidential inquiry, to talk about this job, to request a full job description, call Kim Hoelting, 785-342-0819 or email a resume or inquiry to [kim.hoelting@salinadiocese.org](mailto:kim.hoelting@salinadiocese.org).

**Our Tithes from Last Week**

Oakley: \$2127.00    Angelus: \$529.00

**DAILY SCHEDULE**

Sat	20 – 5:00pm Mass - Parishioners
Sun	21 – 8am Mass (Angelus) + Beatta Robben 10:30am Mass + Jim Robben Sr.
Mon	22 – NO Mass
Tues	23 – 8:30am Mass + Kathleen Weigel Bible Study in the conference room after Mass
Wed	24 – 7:30am (Angelus) Mass + Rita Schwarz 7pm Religious Education Classes
Thur	25 – 8:30am Mass + Debra Campbell
Fri	26 – 7am Mass + Jeanne Struckhoff
Sat	27 – 5:00pm Mass + Weber/Moorhous Families
Sun	28 – 8am Mass (Angelus) - Parishioners 10:30am Mass + Billi Ostmeyer

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

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Saturday April 27 <sup>th</sup> 5 pm	Servers	Volunteers	Sunday April 28 <sup>th</sup> 10:30 am	Servers	CYO
	Lector	Micheline Huffman		Lector	CYO
	Gifts	Mike & Aimee Zimmerman		Gifts	CYO
	Hospitality	Jerry Schoenfeld & Cheri Weber		Hospitality	CYO

Sunday, Apr 28 <sup>th</sup> 8 am	Servers	Natalie Bixenman
	Lectors	Millie Baalman & Nancy Schwarz
	EMHC	None Needed
	Gifts	Daryl & Judy Bixenman
	Hospitality	Barney Dickman, Bob, Lee & Clem Felhoelter