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FROM THE PASTOR The month of May is dedicated to Our Lady, the Blessed Virgin Mary, Theotokos our greatest saint. Saint Thomas of Villanova said of her that, "If in this world any creature ever loved God with whole heart, with whole soul, and with whole mind, she was the creature." And, as American poet William Wordsworth wrote in his poem, The Virgin, Mary is, "Our tainted nature's solitary boast." Mary is mentioned in both the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds. In the Mass she is included in the Eucharistic Prayer and referred to in some forms of the penitential rite. Of the Church's holy days of obligation, three are about her: the solemnities of Mary, the Mother of God; Assumption; and Immaculate Conception. Prayers to Our Lady are an old tradition. The oldest Marian prayer is not the Hail Mary, which was not widely prayed, even in its earliest versions, prior to the 10th century. Rather, it is Sub Tuum Praesidium, Latin for Beneath Your Protection. It was discovered in Egypt. It was written in ancient Greek on a fragment of papyrus that is dated to the mid-late 3rd century. In the 11th century it was translated into Latin.

Beneath Your Protection

We fly to thy protection,
 O holy Mother of God.
 Despise not our petitions in our necessities,
 but deliver us always from all dangers,
 O glorious and blessed Virgin.

As many are aware, there is a bookshelf in the back of St. Joseph. Those books are free. One may either exchange or take them without exchange. We do not keep an inventory because these are all donated. Please feel free to use the literature as you see fit.

Schedule of events for the next several weeks
 May 12: Ascension/Mother's Day/Graduation/First Mass in the church in Angelus
 May 14: Pizza with Padre at 6:30pm in the St. Joseph School gym
 May 19: Pentecost
 May 25-26: Memorial Day Weekend
 May 27: Memorial Day: Cemetery Services TBD
 May 29 – June 7: Fr. Luke gone for Totus Tuus training in Wichita
 June 2: Corpus Christi Procession following 10:30am Mass at St. Joseph
 June 16 – 21: Totus Tuus week

MEMORIAL MASSES FOR PARENTS WHO HAVE LOST A CHILD will be on Tuesday, May 7 at 2 P.M. at St. Thomas More Parish in Manhattan, and Wednesday, May 8 at 2 P.M. at Sacred Heart Parish in Belleville.

ST. ISIDORE'S DAY will be celebrated this year on Wednesday, May 15, at St. Mary Queen of Angels Parish in Russell. Mass begins at 11:00 a.m.

Pizza with Padre will be Tuesday, May 14th at 6:30pm in the school gym. Question buckets and slips for questions are available at the entrances of the church.

Bishop Vincke's 25th Jubilee Ordination Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, June 9, at the Basilica of St. Fidelis in Victoria. Mass will begin at 3:00 P.M., followed by an open house reception at the Victoria Elementary School gymnasium. Please RSVP to Corrina.hudsonpillar@salinadiocese.org or 785-639-2100. All are welcome to attend!

ST. JOSEPH NEWS

Coffee and Conversation will be held on Sunday, May 5th 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!

D of I monthly meeting for St. Catherine Circle will be Thursday, May 9, at 1:00 p.m. at the parish annex. Quarterly Audit meeting will be prior to the meeting beginning at 12:30 p.m., also at the annex. Hostesses for the meeting are Mary Lou Van Eaton and Linda Schwarz.

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

St. Joseph School is looking for a 4th grade teacher for the 2024-2025 school year. Please contact Michelle Selzer at the school 785-671-4451 or 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

K of C meeting on Monday May 6th at 7 pm at the hall.

NO Mass on Wednesday morning in Angelus due to the carpets being cleaned the night before.

St. Paul Update: Moving items back into the church on Sunday at 1pm. Deep cleaning of the carpets on Tuesday at 6:30pm. The organ will be reinstalled later in the week..

Capital Campaign Update: \$645K pledged and \$388K in the bank. Thank you for your continued support!!!!



Our Tithes from Last Week

Oakley: \$3250.00 Angelus: \$409.00

DAILY SCHEDULE

Sat	04 – 8am Confessions 8:50am Mass 5:00pm Mass + Peggy Muehlenkamp
Sun	05 – 8am Mass (Angelus) + Daisy Fellhoelter 9am Coffee and Conversation at the annex 10:30am Mass – Parishioners
Mon	06 – NO Mass 7pm K of C Meeting in Angelus
Tues	07 – 8:30am Mass + Jerry Zerr Bible Study in the conference room after Mass
Wed	08 – 7am Mass + Leroy Heinrich 7pm Religious Education Classes
Thur	09 – 8:30am Mass + Charles Anderson 1pm D of I meeting at the annex
Fri	10 – 7am Mass + Pauline Zimmerman
Sat	11 – 5:00pm Mass + Weber/Moorhous Families
Sun	12 – 8am Mass (Angelus) - Alfreda Stephens 10:30am Mass - Parishioners

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

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Sunday May 11 th 10:30 am	Servers	Volunteers	Sunday May 12 th 10:30 am	Servers	Brynn & Kambrie H, Parker K.
	Lector	Elaine Wycoff		Lector	Cheri Weber
	Gifts	Jerry & Darlene Chaput		Gifts	Mason & Hannah Scheetz
	Hospitality	David & Dana Charles		Hospitality	Mason & Hannah Scheetz

Sunday, May 12 th 8 am	Servers	Johnathan Ostmeyer
	Lectors	Gary Ostmeyer & Doug Robben
	Gifts	Ron & Nancy Bixenman
	Hospitality	Jim Fellhoelter, Jason Fellhoelter, Steve Fellhoelter & Ron Lager