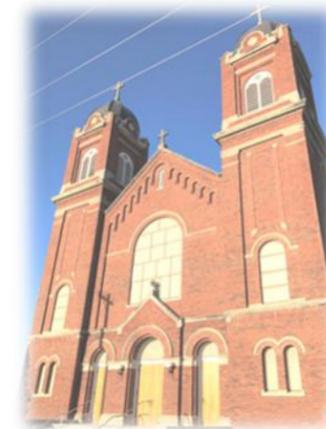


THE SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PARISHES
OF OBERLIN & SELDEN,
& **THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH**
OF LEOVILLE.



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✠ **SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Mission Statement

We are a stewardship community of believers called by Baptism, fed and nourished by Word and the Eucharist, to live out our faith in the Risen Christ through the Roman Catholic Tradition. With Mary as our model, we live as disciples of Jesus Christ committed to embodying Gospel values in our lives, our relationships, and our work.

TODAY'S LITURGY: In the Gospel we hear today, Jesus invites his disciples to take a break and rest a while. He invites us to do the same at every weekend Mass. As we rest our minds and bodies, let us listen to God's word. Jeremiah tells his people that one day a king and shepherd will come to bring justice to the land. Paul writes that in Christ walls are broken down and peace established among all peoples. Jesus laments the directionless people massed on the shore. And so he began to teach. May we be eager learners.

2021 DIOCESAN MEN'S CONFERENCE, Saturday, August 14th at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Hays. The theme is "Men of Hope" and falls on the feast day of St. Maximilian Kolbe, a great witness of hope in the darkest of times. Keynote speaker for the event is Chris Padgett, a leading expert on the life of St. Maximilian Kolbe. Register online at salinadiocese.org or download the Registration Form and mail it. For more information contact the Family Life Office at 785 827-8746 ext. 27

Sacred Heart Elementary School, in Colby, is looking for a 4th-Grade teacher for the 2021-2022 school year. If you or anyone you know may be interested, please contact Sacred Heart School at 785-460-2813 or email meagher@sacredheartcolby.com for more information.

Rachels Vineyard of the Salina Diocese is resuming retreat weekends. The retreats offer healing from the effects from abortion. Interested women or men can inquire by calling 1-877-I-GRIEVE (1-877-447-4383) or email rachelsvineyard@salinadiocese.org.

July 25-31, 2021 is National NFP Awareness Week. The campaign provides an opportunity to spread the word about Catholic teaching on marriage, conjugal love, and responsible parenthood. Sharing basic information about the methods of NFP and why they support God's design for love and life is at the heart of this national campaign.

It is that time of the year when parishes **UPDATE THE PARISHIONER LIST.** The diocese also requests the update so all Catholic households receive The Register FREE and special mailings from the diocese. If you think you're a registered parishioner BUT don't get in the mail the paper, that means you need to contact the Parish Office.

Leoville Knights of Columbus FAMILY PICNIC is next Sunday, 5 p.m. at the Knights Hall.

The Leoville Knights are asking for any kind of **HELP** from other Knights and volunteers with the Funnel Cake booth at the County Fair on Friday, August 6. Contact Mark Meitl or any Knight if you're able to help or just show up at the booth. Thanks.

Next Sunday is the **WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY.** We honor grandparents and our older parishioners and offer prayers for them. A plenary indulgence is also available by fulfilling the usual requirements: sacramental confession, reception of Holy Communion, and praying for the intentions of the Holy Father.

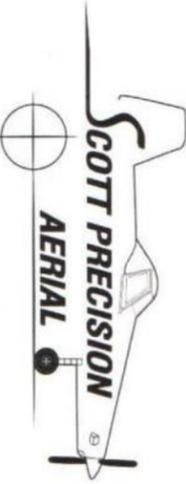
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My Slogan: “Practice Saved Sex!”

By Fletcher Doyle

I am a journalist and a convert. That sounds like an oxymoron.

Two years after joining the Catholic Church, my wife and I began practicing Natural Family Planning (NFP). I found that the chastity required to get through the periods of abstinence caused profound changes in me. I stopped daydreaming of swimsuit models, wealth and fame. I became grateful for all God had given me, most of all for my wife. My appreciation for her and all that she gives me grew, improving an already good 20-year marriage.

I was curious to find out if other people had been so affected. This is where the journalist and the convert converged. I interviewed NFP couples and read thousands of words on conjugal union and the effects of contraception on the relationship between men and women. So for five years I thought about nothing but sex, except during the hockey playoffs. This was a challenge to chastity, but the result was a book, *Natural Family Planning Blessed Our Marriage: 19 True Stories* (Servant Books).

Here is what I learned. When women took control of fertility with the pill and the IUD in the mid-1960s to the mid-1970s, men said “cool.” Men’s behavior changed, as they no longer felt responsible for their sexual partners. (This can be seen in the disappearance of shotgun marriages.)

There was an accompanying drop in commitment between men and women. Trust between the sexes fell because men no longer acted in expected patterns.

When you add in the increase in women’s wages and the decrease in men’s wages, you created couples who are neither financially nor sexually interdependent. This is why, social scientists say, the divorce rate doubled in that time frame.

NFP can repair the damage. Men acknowledge responsibility to their wives. Commitment increases because the couples know when pregnancy is likely before they make love. Their trust increases: she trusts he will fulfill his obligations when he assents to sex; he trusts she is making accurate observations of her fertility and is keeping him informed.

He develops a sense of awe in the way God made her, and she develops a sense of gratitude that he is willing to sacrifice his own pleasure for her sake. And both grow in their love and trust in God when they see the plan for sex and marriage that He built into their bodies. I have seen and experienced how using Natural Family Planning can make a difference in marriage. That should come as no surprise because it’s God’s way to practice responsible parenthood – it’s His design for life and love!

Fletcher Doyle is the author of Natural Family Planning Blessed Our Marriage, (Servant Books). He and his wife live in the Diocese of Buffalo.

What is NFP?

Natural Family Planning (NFP) is an umbrella term for certain methods used to achieve and avoid pregnancies. These methods are based on observation of the naturally occurring signs and symptoms of the fertile and infertile phases of a woman’s menstrual cycle.

NFP is not “Rhythm.” The Rhythm (or *Calendar*) method was developed in the 1930s. It was based on the scientific theory that ovulation could be predicted by calculating previous menstrual cycles. This method was often inaccurate because it did not take account of the unique nature of a woman’s menstrual cycle. Today’s methods of NFP do take account of such variations. Based on observable signs and symptoms of the fertile and infertile phases of the menstrual cycle, NFP methods track the changes associated with ovulation and not only treat each woman as unique, but each cycle as well. The accuracy of women’s observations has been validated by scientific research.*

NFP is a holistic approach to family planning. Both husband and wife understand their fertility, emotions, and family planning intention (*whether to have a baby or not*). Its successful use to avoid pregnancy relies upon a couple’s following what they know about the method and one another. Successful use of NFP requires a couple to communicate. In the daily charting of their fertility signs, couples quickly appreciate their shared responsibility for family planning. Husbands are encouraged to “tune into” their wives’ cycles, and both spouses are encouraged to speak openly to each other about their sexual desires and their ideas on family size.

Couples using NFP to avoid pregnancy abstain from intercourse and genital contact when the woman is fertile and can conceive. The total days of abstinence will vary from woman to woman and even from cycle to cycle. Whatever the length of the fertile phase, no barriers or chemicals are used at any time to avoid pregnancy. To achieve pregnancy couples have intercourse during the fertile time of the cycle. NFP is not a contraceptive. It does nothing to suppress or block conception. Instead, couples adjust their behavior according to their family planning intention using the naturally occurring signs and symptoms of a woman’s cycle.

NFP promotes openness to the transmission of human life and recognizes the value of children. Sexual relations are understood as love-giving as well as life-giving. It is true family planning. Because NFP respects the twofold nature of sexual intercourse, it can enrich the bond between husband and wife. Indeed, it can be said that NFP promotes the understanding of “self donation” between spouses. For these reasons it is an acceptable form of family planning for people of various religious and philosophical beliefs.

The Diocese of Salina **FertilityCare Services** helps women and couples of all ages and generations with family planning, reproductive health and infertility. The **Creighton Model** FertilityCare System can be used to avoid and achieve pregnancy, overcome infertility, and find the cause of many reproductive health problems. Call the Family Life/NFP Office at 785 827-8746 for information.

*See Richard Fehring, DNSc, RN & Robert Kambic, MSH, *Natural Family Planning Bibliography*. (Washington, DC: Diocesan Development Program for NFP, 1995).

Ministry Schedule

Selden Sacred Heart

Saturday, July 24, 6:00 p.m.

Rosary: Helen
Server: Koen
Lector: Terra
Music: Breanna
July Collection Counters:
Elaine, Dennis

Leoville Immaculate Conception

Sunday, July 25, 8:00 a.m.

Rosary: Dennis
Server: Rayna
Lector: Mindy
Music: Shelley, Peggy
July Collection Counters:
Gina, Joanie

Oberlin Sacred Heart

Sunday, July 25, 10:30 a.m.

Rosary: Rosella
Server: Fortin
Lector: Gina
Communion to Homebound:
Gary, Jen
Collection Counters: Council members

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Selden Sacred Heart

Saturday, July 17, 6:00 p.m.

Harold Schiltz +

7:30 p.m. **Spanish Mass
For Fine Weather**

Wednesday, July 21, 8:00 a.m. **No Mass**

Saturday, July 24, 6:00 p.m.

Paulie Neff +

Leoville Immaculate Conception

Sunday, July 18, 8:00 a.m.

**For The Deceased Parents of
Dwayne and Joan Metz**

Thursday, July 22, 8:00 a.m.

No Mass

Sunday, July 25, 8:00 a.m.

Heith Sauvage +

Oberlin Sacred Heart

Sunday, July 18, 10:30 a.m.

For All The People In Our Parishes

Tuesday, July 20, 8:00 a.m.

Evelyn Meitl +

Friday, July 23, 8:00 a.m.

John Juenemann +

Sunday, July 25, 10:30 a.m.

For All The People In Our Parishes

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 20 minutes before Saturday and Sunday Mass. Other times by appointment.

“The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.”

Psalm 23

Collection & Other Monies Report

Selden Sacred Heart

July 10: Regular Offertory \$1303.00

Leoville Immaculate Conception

July 11: Regular Offertory	\$812.00
Peter’s Pence	\$25.00
Development	\$120.00
Votive Candles	\$11.00

Oberlin Sacred Heart

July 11: Regular Offertory \$1447.17

Please, pray for the intentions or needs of: Catherine Neal; Helen Karls; Bob Ross; Don & Gerry Neff; Juanita Williby; Dolores Depperschmidt; Victor Ritter; Claire Scott; Hannah Abbot; Keith Schulte (*Jackie’s brother*); Rodney Carlson (*Charlotte’s son -in-law*); Jessica Campbell; Chad Focke (*Mandy’s husband*); Joe & Laura Dorenkamp; Arvilla Juenemann; Margaret Ritter; Kathy Otter; Julie Patterson; Victor Martinez Family; Carmen Santos (*fr. Carlos’ mother*); Kip Musgrave and Luke Norman (*Judy Ploussard’s great-grandson and grandson*); those with terminal and chronic illnesses, COVID-19 patients, cancer patients, their caregivers, and their families. (*To add or remove a name, please, contact Fr. Carlos*)



O Mary, you always brighten our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus’ pain while remaining steadfast in faith. O loving Mother, you know what we need, and we are confident you will provide for us as at Cana in Galilee.

Intercede for us with your Son Jesus, the Divine Physician, for those who have fallen ill, for those who are vulnerable, and for those who have died. Intercede also for those charged with protecting the health and safety of others and for those who are tending to the sick and seeking a cure.

Help us, O Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who took upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows, so as to lead us, through the Cross, to the glory of the Resurrection.

Amen.

Under thy protection we seek refuge, O Holy Mother of God. In our needs, despise not our petitions, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin Mary.