

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

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✠ **TWENTY-FIRST 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.

**Mass Schedule**

<b>Sacred Heart Church, Selden</b> Saturday (Vigil Mass), 6:00 PM Wednesday, 8:00 AM	<b>Immaculate Conception, Leoville</b> Sunday, 8:00 AM Thursday, 8:00 AM	<b>Sacred Heart Parish, Oberlin</b> Sunday, 10:30 AM Tuesday and Friday, 8:00 AM
<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation:</b> Selden, 5:30—5:50 PM Leoville, 7:30—7:50 AM Oberlin, 10:00—10:20 AM		Other times by appointment.

**TODAY'S LITURGY:** Today's readings emphasize the need to make a commitment. The tribes of Israel are asked to commit themselves to the God that they choose to serve. Paul speaks about spouses' commitments to their partners as a parallel to the relationship between Christ and the church. Jesus asks the Twelve if they will commit to continue to follow him. As we listen to God's word, let us consider how we would answer each challenge and pray that our commitment to our faith be strengthened.

**WOMEN'S SPIRITUAL DAY OF REFLECTION**, Saturday, September 11, 10AM-2PM, St. Nicholas of Myra Church, 2901 E 13th Hays, KS. To register email Rachel Elsen: [rachel-elsen518@gmail.com](mailto:rachel-elsen518@gmail.com) 785 738-2889.

9:30 Registration  
10:00 Guest Speaker Rick Binder  
11:00 Adoration  
Noon Lunch  
1:00 Guest Speaker Rick Binder

2:00 Closing Prayer  
Event hosted by the Salina Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.

**CONFIRMATION RETREAT**, Sunday, August 29th, 9:30 a.m.—2:00 p.m., Selden Parish Hall. Confirmation Candidates from the parishes of Oberlin, Selden, and Leoville must attend the retreat. Candidates are encouraged to attend the 8:00 a.m. Mass in Leoville. After Mass, we go to the Selden hall. Later, after lunch we will go to Sacred Heart church for Adoration and confessions. Parents are welcome to join us for adoration. Confessions will only be for the candidates. Parents and sponsors are encouraged to use the regular confession times. Bill Meagher from Hays will be leading the retreat.

**REMINDER FOR CONFIRMATION PARENTS.** The deadline to return the **Sacramental Information** and the **Sponsor Eligibility** Forms is September 3. Forms must be returned before your child is allowed to receive Confirmation. Contact Fr. Carlos for any questions.

For the Sacraments of Baptism, Matrimony, and Anointing of the Sick, please contact father Carlos or call the Pastor's Office.

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## Serene Attentiveness To God's Creation

**When we fall in love, become parents, or enter into any significant relationship, it is not uncommon to experience a shift in worldview that shapes our actions.**

Consider parents holding their first newborn son or daughter. While there is no instruction manual for all the possible circumstances they may encounter, their guiding framework is the loving, parental relationship with their child. With his encyclical *Laudato si'*, Pope Francis invites us to understand more deeply our relationships with God, one another, and the rest of creation, and to live accordingly. "Everything is connected," he reminds us (LS 91).

God uses creation to bring us into loving relationship with himself, most notably through the sacraments. We experience this most powerfully in the Eucharist, the true body and blood of Christ, received under the appearance of bread and wine, where "all that has been created finds its greatest exaltation" (LS 236). God invites us to embrace creation on this deeper level through our worship of himself (LS 235). Our relationship with Christ—strengthened by receiving him worthily in Holy Communion—helps us understand our relationships with one another and with creation.

Pope Francis warns against placing ourselves "at the center," thinking we don't need God and lacking concern for other creatures (LS 122, 68-69). But he also rejects the view that "the presence of human beings on the planet should be reduced and all forms of intervention prohibited" (LS 60). The Holy Father affirms, instead, that human beings possess "a particular dignity above other creatures" and share a distinct responsibility for the world entrusted to us (LS 119, 242). When any of our relationships are out of balance—with God, one another, or the rest of creation—all our relationships suffer.

We see evidence of this imbalance on a large scale today. Building upon the teaching of his predecessors, the Holy Father discusses in great detail the disrepair apparent in creation. Our distorted relationship with God has infected our relationship with the earth, evidenced by pollution, lack of clean water, toxic waste, and immense material waste. For example, "approximately a third of all food produced is discarded, and 'whenever food is thrown out it is as if it were stolen from the table of the poor'" (LS 50).

What the Holy Father often calls a "culture of waste" or a "throwaway culture" even goes so far as to see and treat human life as disposable. The elderly are marginalized, and the lives of persons with disabilities are deemed less worth living (LS 123). The fundamental truth that "the inalienable worth of a human being transcends his or her degree of development" is forgotten—leading to the destruction of unwanted babies in the womb and experimentation on embryonic children in the lab (LS 136, 123). Sometimes, even efforts to alleviate the suffering of certain populations lead to offenses against human life. Pope Francis warns, for example, against international pressure which makes the promotion of contraception, abortion, and other harmful practices a condition for economic aid.

At times, efforts seeking to protect the environment and other creatures disregard or even attack the particular dignity of human beings. Although we are called to care for creation, the

Holy Father makes clear that this approach is not only inconsistent, it "compromises the very meaning of our struggle for the sake of the environment" (LS 91). Quoting Pope Benedict XVI's encyclical *Charity in Truth*, Pope Francis explains further:

Since everything is interrelated, concern for the protection of nature is also incompatible with the justification of abortion. How can we genuinely teach the importance of concern for other vulnerable beings, however troublesome or inconvenient they may be, if we fail to protect a human embryo, even when its presence is uncomfortable and creates difficulties? "If personal and social sensitivity towards the acceptance of new life is lost, then other forms of acceptance that are valuable for society also wither away" (LS 120).

Pope Francis isn't endorsing a secular environmentalism—he has a broader idea in mind—one that echoes the sentiments of another predecessor, Pope St. John Paul II. In his 1990 World Day of Peace message, the great saint reminded us that "no peaceful society can afford to neglect either respect for life or the fact that there is an integrity to creation" (7). He later addressed Catholics directly, reminding us of our "serious obligation to care for all of creation" (16).

If we are filled with the love of God, a culture of encounter and solidarity will begin to bloom. Pope Francis stresses, "We are speaking of an attitude of the heart, one which approaches life with serene attentiveness, which is capable of being fully present to someone without thinking of what comes next" (LS 226). With this attitude of heart, we neither treat other humans as disposable, nor neglect to care for God's creation at any level. Through a conversion of heart, repairing our relationships with God, one another, and all of creation, we can combat the many pollutants that poison our hearts and our world.

Excerpts from *Laudato si' (Care for Our Common Home)* and "Message of His Holiness Pope John Paul II for the Celebration of the World Day of Peace" Libreria Editrice Vaticana, Vatican City. Used with permission.

### Salina Diocese Seminarians (6)

**Jesse Ochs** from Sacred Heart Parish in Park. He is attending St. John Vianney Seminary in Denver.

**Adam Zarybnicky** from St. John's Parish in Hanover. He is attending Kenrick Glennon Seminary in St. Louis.

**Kade Megaffin** from St. Joseph Parish in Hays. He is attending St. John Vianney Seminary in Denver.

**Brady Hutchison** from Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Hays. He is attending St. John Vianney Seminary in Denver.

**Kaiden Van Schuyver** from Sacred Heart Parish in Plainville. He is attending Conception Seminary College in Missouri.

**Collin Thielen** (Fr. Luke's brother) from Sacred Heart Parish in Park. He is attending Conception Seminary College in Missouri.

### Ministry Schedule

#### Selden Sacred Heart

Saturday, August 28, 6:00 p.m.

Rosary: Rose  
Server: Koen  
Lector: Helen  
Music: Rose  
August Collection Counters:  
Steve, Maureen

#### Leoville Immaculate Conception

Sunday, August 29, 8:00 a.m.

Rosary: Duwayne  
Servers: Ethan and Abe  
Lector: Gary  
Music: Diane and Taylor girls  
August Collection Counters:  
Mark, Don

#### Oberlin Sacred Heart

Sunday, August 29, 10:30 a.m.

Rosary: Rosella  
Server: *Volunteer*  
Lector: Cynthia  
Communion to Homebound:  
Rosella  
Collection Counters: Council members

### Mass Schedule & Intentions

#### Selden Sacred Heart

Saturday, August 21, 6:00 p.m.

**Pat Urban +**

*7:30 p.m. Spanish Mass*

Wednesday, August 25, **NO MASS**

Saturday, August 28, 6:00 p.m.

**Living and Deceased Members of the Altar Society**

#### Leoville Immaculate Conception

Sunday, August 22, 8:00 a.m.

**For All The People In Our Parishes**

Thursday, August 26, 8:00 a.m.

**Germaine Weis +**

Sunday, August 29, 8:00 a.m.

**Don Spresser +**

#### Oberlin Sacred Heart

Sunday, August 22, 10:30 a.m.

**Helena Bruggeman +**

Tuesday, August 24, 8:00 a.m.

**John Juenemann +**

Friday, August 27, 8:00 a.m.

**Clarence Bieker +**

Sunday, August 29, 10:30 a.m.

**For All The People In Our Parishes**

**"To whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life"**

*John 6:60-69*

### Collection Report

#### Selden Sacred Heart

<b>August 14:</b> Regular Offertory	\$540.00
Seminarian	\$100.00
Church repair	\$30.00
Capital Credits	\$154.41

#### Leoville Immaculate Conception

<b>August 15:</b> Regular Offertory	\$676.00
Development	\$20.00

#### Oberlin Sacred Heart

<b>August 15:</b> Regular Offertory	\$559.16
Capital Credit	\$43.64

**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; Nadine Stoney; Keith Schulte (*Jackie's brother*); Lexie Muehlenkamp (*Charlotte's great grand-daughter*); Rodney Carlson (*Charlotte's son-in-law*); Jessica Campbell; Chad Focke (*Mandy's husband*); Joe & Laura Dorenkamp; Arvilla Juenemann; Scott Bruggeman (*Darrell & Carlene's son*); Margaret Ritter; Kathy Otter; Julie Patterson; 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.