Dear Friends in Christ,

Several years ago when I was setting up the service for our respective cemeteries I was told about a Catholic cemetery north and west of Belle- ville named Saint Josaphat. The cemetery is out in the country and a very peaceful setting. At one of our earlier services, I noticed an iron arch with the name of Saint Josaphat on it out in the middle of the cemetery, away from the headstones. After inquiring I found out that there used to be a church out there and the iron arch marks the spot where the church was before being moved into town.

I share this story because I am writing this message on November 12, the Memorial of Saint Josaphat. In fact, Josaphat was murdered by an angry Orthodox mob on this date in 1623.

Saint Josaphat’s life can be summed up in the prayer of Jesus: “Holy Fa- ther, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are” (John 17:11).

A brief commentary states this about the saint we remember on this No- vember 12th: “Saint Josaphat gave his life in tireless pastoral service and in martyrdom for the unity of the Churches of East and West” (Magnificat, 156).

The great Schism of 1054 happened between the Churches in the East and West. That division that Saint Josaphat worked to unify still exists today. Even Saint John Paul II hoped and prayed one day that the Church would breathe with both lungs, East and West. This is still our hope and prayer today!

Saint Josaphat...Pray for Us!

God Bless … Father David

Any allegation of the abuse of a minor, may be reported to the Kansas Protec- tion Report Center (1-800-922-5330), the KBI Crime Hotline (1-800- KSCRIME) or Clergy: Abuse@kbi.ks.gov . The Diocese of Salina fully participates in all criminal investigations related to abuse perpe- trated by a member of the clergy or other church official. For the safety of children and the healing of those who have suffered abuse, the Diocese of Salina provides an Abuse Response Hotline(1-785-825-0865); an Abuse Response Email (reportabuse@salinadiocese.org); and an Abuse Response Online Submission Form (www.salinadiocese.org/safety- security). Reports will be responded to promptly by the Diocesan Assistance Coordinator. All reports are confidential with the exception of those involv- ing the abuse of minors, which will be immediately reported by the Diocese to the proper authorities, as required by Kansas State Law and Diocesan Policy.

Parish Mission: “To recognize that we are ALL one Body in Christ and to help one another get to heaven by serving God in ALL we do.”
Cemetery tractor: The updated balance we owe on the tractor is $13,219.23. We have 45% of the amount owed paid off. If you would like to make a donation please contact the parish office.

Black Friday overshadowed Thanksgiving as a shopping day but every day is a marketing opportunity for predators who shop globally on the internet. U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking-sistersagainsttrafficking.org.

Fr. Joseph Kieffer and classmate will be leading an 11 day pilgrimage to Alpine Europe including the famous Passion Play of Oberammergau from June 15-25, 2020. If interested, please email him at frjoseph.kieffer@gmail.com or call 785-337-2289. Space is limited.

#GivingCatholic Giving Day will be celebrated on Dec. 3, 2019. This Catholic giving day is also known as #GivingTuesday, a global day dedicated to giving. Anyone can donate to his or her favorite ministry on Tuesday, Dec. 3, from 12:00am to 11:59pm CST. In advance, advance giving opens on Nov. 18, 2 weeks before the event. Gifts can still be made and counted toward any match that may apply. A gift may be made from any internet device. Just go to the #GivingCatholic website (#GivingCatholic.org) and search the participating dioceses for the Salina Diocese and find your parish or organization. In addition, for those who do not want to donate online but would still like to make a donation, I have a few envelopes available in the office to make a donation. What better way to thank God for His continued blessings than to give back to our community? Beginning Monday, November 18, support Our Lady of Perpetual Help at #GivingCatholic.org with a $25 donation.

QUO VADIS retreat at Spiritual Life Center in Wichita is Dec. 27th-29th. Fr. Gule Hammerschmidt will be the keynote presenter at the Retreat. Please contact the Vocations Office before Dec. 10th if you know any High School Seniors or college aged young men interested in attending.

Altar Society: There has been a change in the scheduled date of Lion’s Club Football Banquet. Due to a scheduling conflict at the school the banquet will now be on November 21 instead of November 14. If you are furnishing food or working for this banquet please take note of the date change. Thank you.

CEMETERY APPEAL: We are truly blessed to have Saint Concordia Cemetery as our place of rest and peace for the faithful departed. Walking through the cemetery calls to mind memories of loved ones and parishioners who have gone before us. We strive to keep the cemetery looking beautiful and well maintained. This Spring and Summer saw quite a bit of rainy weather, which meant more mowing than usual. Because of this, the Maintenance Fund for the cemetery is going to be $25,000. Special envelopes will be placed in the pew behind each pew. These contributions and what you give annually help the short term needs. For long range needs, please consider Saint Concordia Cemetery when planning your estate or include Saint Concordia Cemetery in your will. -God Bless You- Fr. David

THE REGISTER: The Register will move to a monthly publication in 2020. The paper will arrive in households on the fourth Friday of the month. Read the Register and learn more about what’s happening in parishes of the Diocese of Salina, as well as news about the diocese and the universal Church. Every registered family receives the Register, which is printed monthly. Instead of subscriptions, we ask for a $25 donation to cover printing and mailing costs. Your November 19 issue will include a donation envelope, or you may mail your donation check to The Register, P.O. Box 1038, Salina, KS 67402, or contribute online at salinadiocese.org/the-register.

The collection for Human Development will be on the weekend of November 23 & 24. This collection allocates funds to community projects that promote the mission and vision of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development while adhering to the moral and social teachings of the Catholic Church.

The Retirement Fund for Religious collection will be taken up on the weekend of December 7 & 8. This annual appeal benefits more than 30,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious. Please give—women and men who have consecrated their lives to serving God and the Church. Thank you for considering a gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious. It is an opportunity for us to serve our brothers and sisters who served us for their lifetime. Please join me in supporting this important drive the weekend of December 7 & 8.

FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS: Please note the change of date for the finance council meeting. It has been changed from Monday, November 11 to Monday, November 18 at 6:30pm in the parish office work room. We extend our Christian sympathy to the family of Juanita S. Demars.

The RE class evenings with Fr. David are on hold until the first of the year until Fr. David can explain them farther. We extend our Christian sympathy to the family of Juanita S. Demars.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: November 23, 5:30pm

Serving overseas: Brent Campbell.

Please pray for:

James Anderson, Mike Benjamin, Tim Braun, Pete Breault, Meritt Brown, Sam Budreau, Brent Campbell.

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