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From the Pastor



I will be gone Saturday through Tuesday afternoon to attend a funeral in Minnesota. If you have any sacramental emergencies, please call Fr. Brian Lager in Colby.

From a sermon by St. Maximus of Turin - Someone might ask, "Why would a holy man desire baptism?" Listen to the answer: Christ is baptized, not to be made holy by the water, but to make the water holy, and by his cleansing to purify the waters which he touched. For the consecration of Christ involves a more significant consecration of the water. For when the Savior is washed all water for our baptism is made clean, purified at its source for the dispensing of baptismal grace to the people of future ages. Christ is the first to be baptized, then, so that Christians will follow after him with confidence. I understand the mystery as this. The column of fire went before the sons of Israel through the Red Sea so they could follow on their brave journey; the column went first through the waters to prepare a path for those who followed. As the apostle Paul said, what was accomplished then was the mystery of baptism. Clearly it was baptism in a certain sense when the cloud was covering the people and bringing them through the water. But Christ the Lord does all these things: in the column of fire he went through the sea before the sons of Israel; so now, in the column of his body, he goes through baptism before the Christian people. At the time of the Exodus the column provided light for the people who followed; now it gives light to the hearts of believers. Then it made a firm pathway through the waters; now it strengthens the footsteps of faith in the bath of baptism.

Poinsettias – After mass on Sunday, January 12, you are welcome to take a poinsettia. Please do not take one with a name tag on it unless, of course, you had that name tag put on that poinsettia. They will be available for another week in the west storage room. After this, they will be disposed of.

Attention – The St. Joseph School meat supply is running low. If you would like to donate hamburger or pork for our lunch program, please call the school. Thank you to all who donate to our school; your generosity will not go unnoticed! Our school is so Blessed!

All women of the Salina Diocese are invited to our Spiritual Day of Reflection on Saturday, January 25th at St. Bernard Catholic Church in Ellsworth, Kansas. Mass will begin at 9 a.m., and the retreat will follow. Father Kyle Berens's teaching is on "Spiritual Life and the Battle We Face: The Battle to Receive Love." To register, please contact Elaine Peters at elainepeters@yahoo.com or call/text 785-534-0546.

ST. JOSEPH NEWS:

St. Joseph Bible Study: Luke, *The Story of Salvation Fulfilled* will begin in January on Tuesday mornings following the 8:30 St. Joseph School Mass in the Conference Room at the rectory.


The Pizza Hut Fundraiser for St. Joseph School will be held on January 13th. The third-grade parents will deliver pizza.

Young Adult Night will be on Sunday, January 26th, at the rectory at 7 p.m. It will be game night and apps. The next event will be a Super Bowl party on February 9th.

ST. PAUL NEWS:

The Angelus Knights of Columbus Stag/Stagette Steak Fry will be held on January 11, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

St. Anne Altar Society, Angelus, will meet on **January 14, 2025**, at 7:00 in the church basement. The agenda will include the results of the November bingo, the 2025 yearbook, a day of spiritual reflection to be held in January, sponsored by the SDCCW, and hosting a parish card party in February. If you have ANY feedback on the changes implemented to the bingo format, please come to the meeting or let Kristy or Linda know.





Our Tithes from Last Week

Oakley: 3,160 .00 Angelus: \$.00

We welcome all our guests to our parishes. If you have moved here, we encourage you to register on our website.



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DAILY SCHEDULE

Sat 11 – 5pm Mass + Parishioners
 5:30pm Angelus Stag/Stagette Steak Fry

Sun 12 – 8am Mass (Angelus) + Rodney Mense
 10:30am Mass + David & Leroy Zerr

Mon 13 – NO Mass
 Pizza Hut Fundraiser for St. Joseph School

Tues 14 – 8:30am Communion Service
 9:30 Bible Study in the rectory
 7pm Angelus Altar Society Meeting

Wed 15 – 7:30am Mass (Angelus) + Dorothy Ann Schroeder

Thur 16 – 8:30am Mass + Clara Zimmerman
 7:30pm Angelus Parish Council

Fri 17 – 7am Mass + Ernest & Martha Knapp

Sat 18 – 5pm Mass + Weber/Moorhous Families

Sun 19 – 8am Mass (Angelus) + Fred & Ruby Bixenman
 10:30am Mass - Parishioners

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

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| Saturday Jan 18 th 5pm | Servers | Volunteers | Sunday Jan 19 th 10:30 am | Servers | CYO |
| | Lector | Madeline Huffman | | Lector | CYO |
| | Gifts | Curt & Lila Thompson | | Gifts | CYO |
| | Hospitality | Alan & Joyce Kuhn | | Hospitality | CYO |

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| Sunday, Jan 19 th 8 am | Servers | Nick Robben |
| | Lectors | Doug Robben & Gary Ostmeyer |
| | Gifts | Steve & Laura Fellhoelter |
| | Ushers | Andrew and Mason Bixenman, Bernard Dickman & Bob Fell. |