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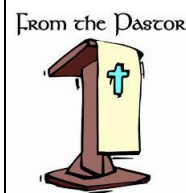
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From the Pastor

The verses of *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* are taken from seven ancient antiphons that the Church has used in her Evening Prayer liturgy since well before the ninth century. Every year, from Dec. 17 to 23, the Church's liturgy enters a more intense and proximate preparation for Christ's coming at Christmas. This shift is noticeable in the readings at Mass during these days, but also in the Church's Liturgy of the Hours, specifically at evening prayer. Every evening during that week, the Church prays one of what have become known as the great "O Antiphons" before reciting Our Lady's Magnificat canticle. The O Antiphons invoke Our Lord using imagery taken from the Old Testament: *O Wisdom From on High; O Lord of the House of Israel; O Root of Jesse's Stem; O Key of David; O Radiant Dawn; O King of the Nations; and O Emmanuel*. To these biblical images are added various pleas such as: "Come to teach us the path of knowledge!"; "Come to save us without delay!"; and "Come and free the prisoners of darkness!" Each of these O Antiphons is a beautiful prayer in itself, but each also demonstrates exactly how the Church has come to understand Christ's relationship to the promises and images of God so prevalent in the Old Testament.

December 31st: The vigil mass on Sunday, December 31st will be at 4pm in Oakley instead of 5pm. Angelus is hosting a kicking of their "Beauty Given, Beauty Experienced" Capital Campaign. There will be a 5:30pm vigil mass in Angelus. No Sunday morning mass in Angelus.

Sacred Heart, Colby Parish Mission: Father Tony Stephens will be preaching a parish mission this year. The dates are December 18 - 21 from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in the Church. Confessions will be available each evening from 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. and at 8:15 p.m. The topics are as follows:

- Sunday night: "Wasting Time with the Lord"
- Monday night: "The Eucharist Aiding Family Holiness"
- Tuesday night: "Eucharistic Miracles: Deepening Our Awe of His Real Presence"
- Wednesday night: "Breathing Fire Like Lions: Effects of Reverently Receiving Holy Communion in Our Lives"

St. Paul News:

Knights of Columbus will be having their annual Membership drive Stagg steak dinner on Thursday, December 22nd starting at 5:30pm. Please make plans to attend and take the opportunity to pay your dues as well.

The youth trap shoot will be held on Sunday, January 1st at the Hall in Angelus at 1:00pm. This is open to ALL BOYS and GIRLS grades 5-12. Please tell anyone you see to bring their kids that fall in this age group to make plans to attend.

Please remember that on the 31st of December there will be a kickoff for the capital campaign. If your families are here visiting, please know they are more than welcome to attend I encourage it. Next weekend I will provide additional information on what will be requested to make this event possible. Also, if you have not RSVP'd from your invite, please do so. Thank you.

If someone happens to ask if online giving will be available for the campaign, it is available now. There are links on the home page of the church website as well as on the St. Paul page.

Singers, you are Invited to join us to sing at the 8 am Mass on Christmas morning. We will practice in the church basement on December 22nd at 6 pm. If family singers might be visiting on Christmas, they are welcome to join us for warm-up at 7:15 am in the basement, and join us in the loft for Mass.

St. Joseph News:

We were informed late last week that the envelope company is way behind in getting envelopes out this year. Normally we, and by we, I mean Teresa, would have them ready by next week at the latest. It does not sound like this will happen, and they might not even be here until the beginning of next year. If you are using checks, nothing else needs to be done, but if you put cash in your envelopes you will need to denote your name somewhere so we know who is giving what. Thank you for your patience and we will get the new ones out as soon as possible.

Our Tithes from Last Week:	
Oakley: \$3132.31	Angelus: \$501.00

DAILY SCHEDULE

Sat	17 – 5pm Mass + Jack Ostmeyer Family
Sun	18 – 8am Mass (Angelus) + Boniface Fellhoelter 10:30am Mass - Parishioners
Mon	19 – No Mass
Tues	20 – 8:30am Mass + Cale Evins
Wed	21 – 7:30am Mass (Angelus) + Marilyn Caldwell 7pm Angelus Adoration and Confessions/CCD
Thur	22 – 7am Mass + Jim Robben Sr. 5:30pm – Angelus K of C Stag Steak Fry 6pm – Angelus Choir practice
Fri	23 – 7am Mass + Pauline Zimmerman
Sat	24 – 5pm Mass with Incense + Linda Rumback 10:30pm - Parishioners
Sun	25 – 8am Mass (Angelus) + Wilfred & Donna Engel 10:30am Mass + Helen Ostmeyer

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

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Saturday, Dec 24 th 5 pm & 10:30pm	Servers	Volunteers	Sunday Dec 25 th 10:30am	Servers	Volunteers
	Lectors	Volunteers		Lectors	Volunteers
	Gifts	Volunteers		Gifts	Volunteers
	Hospitality	Volunteers		Hospitality	Volunteers

Sunday, Dec 25 th 8 am	Servers	Larynn Rumback
	Lectors	Millie Baalman & Barney Dickman
	EMHC's	Steve Fellhoelter
	Gifts/Hosp.	Doug & Kim Robben
	Ushers	Bob Fellhoelter, Jim Fellhoelter, Jason Fellhoelter & Steve Fellhoelter