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From the Pastor



From a sermon by St. Leo the Great: Dearly beloved, today our Savior is born; let us rejoice. Sadness should have no place on the birthday of life. The fear of death has been swallowed up; life brings us joy with the promise of eternal happiness. No one is shut out from this joy; all share the same reason for rejoicing. Our Lord, victor over sin and death, finding no man free from sin, came to free us all. Let the saint rejoice as he sees the palm of victory at hand. Let the sinner be glad as he receives the offer of forgiveness. Beloved, let us give thanks to God the Father, through his Son, in the Holy Spirit, because in his great love for us he took pity on us, and *when we were dead in our sins he brought us to life with Christ*, so that in him we might be a new creation. Let us throw off our old nature and all its ways and, as we have come to birth in Christ, let us renounce the works of the flesh. Christian, remember your dignity, and now that you share in God’s own nature, do not return by sin to your former base condition. Bear in mind who is your head and of whose body you are a member. Do not forget that you have been rescued from the power of darkness and brought into the light of God’s kingdom.

I will be gone Monday afternoon through Wednesday to baptize my niece in Kansas City. Please refer to the daily schedule for weekday mass times. Thank you.

**December 31<sup>st</sup>:** The vigil mass on Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

**St. Paul News:**

Knights of Columbus will be having their annual Membership drive Stagg Steak dinner on Wednesday, December 28<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

The Knights of Columbus 4<sup>th</sup> degree will have their winter social January 21<sup>st</sup> after the 5pm Mass in Oakley at the Country Club. All members and their wives are invited to the social from 6pm – 7pm, with the meal beginning at 7pm. All widows of former Knights are also invited. Please RSVP to Bill Kruse 785-673-3015 or Gene Schwarz 785-824-8055.

Please remember that on the 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

**St. Joseph News:**

We were informed 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: \$4609.00 Angelus: \$666.00

**DAILY SCHEDULE**

Sat 24 – 5pm Mass with Incense + Linda Rumback  
 10:30pm - Parishioners

Sun 25 – 8am Mass (Angelus) + Wilfred & Donna Engel  
 10:30am Mass + Helen Ostmeyer

Mon 26 – 9am Mass + Margie Schoenfeld

Tues 27 – NO Mass

Wed 28 – NO Mass  
 5:30p.m K of C Mens Steak Fry

Thur 29 – 7:30am Mass (Angelus) + Paul Spexarth

Fri 30 – 7am Mass + Leroy Heinrich

Sat 31 – 4pm Mass + Parishioners  
 5:30pm (Angelus) + Ruby Bixenman  
 St. Paul Campaign Kickoff at the K of C Hall, Angelus after the 5:30pm Mass

Sun 01 – 10:30am Mass + Bob Huelsmann  
 Youth Trapshoot in Angelus at 1pm

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

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Saturday, Dec 31 <sup>th</sup> 4 pm	Servers	Weiser Family	Sunday Jan 1 <sup>st</sup> 10:30am	Servers	Isabelle, Jethro & Thomas
	Lectors	Weiser Family		Lectors	Kent Trompeter
	Gifts	Weiser Family		Gifts	Alice Lindeman & Donita Sparks
	Hospitality	Weiser Family		Hospitality	Alice Lindeman & Donita Sparks

Sunday, Dec 31 <sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm	Servers	Nick Robben
	Lectors	Millie Baalman & Barney Dickman
	EMHC's	Bob Schwarz
	Gifts/Hosp.	Mark & Bernice Rueschhoff
	Ushers	Bob Fellhoelter, Jim Fellhoelter, Jason Fellhoelter & Steve Fellhoelter