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From the Pastor



Pope Benedict XVI on the Epiphany: “I would like to extend to the whole Church the message I proposed at the time to the young people gathered on the banks of the Rhine: “Open wide your hearts to God!”, I said to them, and today I repeat to all of you, “Let yourselves be surprised by Christ!... Open the doors of your freedom to his merciful love! Share your joys and pains with Christ, and let him enlighten your minds with his light and touch your hearts with his grace.” I wish that the whole Church, as in Cologne, could breathe the atmosphere of an “epiphany” and of authentic missionary commitment, inspired by the manifestation of Christ, the light of the world, sent by God the Father to reconcile and unify humanity with the power of love. In this spirit, let us pray fervently for the full unity of all Christians, so that their witness may become a leaven of communion for the whole world. For this, let us invoke the intercession of Mary Most Holy, Mother of Christ and Mother of the Church.”

In lieu of the passing of Pope Benedict XVI, Thursday’s daily mass will be offered for the repose of his soul. Since January 5<sup>th</sup>, there are nine days of mourning, called the Novendiales, the passing of a pontiff. It is not often that we as a church mourn the passing of one individual world-wide. Please continue to pray for Pope Benedict XVI that he will be welcomed into the heavenly homeland.

If you wish to learn more about Pope Benedict XVI, there are couple good videos/documentaries on FORMED.org. His theology is beautiful, and his unwavering defense of Truth earned him the title of “God’s Rottweiler”. We all know of Pope St. John Paul II’s treasured writings, Pope Benedict XVI’s will, I have no doubt, live in memorial right beside St. John Paul II. I would encourage you all throughout this year to read some of his beautiful works.

We were informed that the envelope company is way behind in getting envelopes out this year. We will get them out as soon as we receive them. Until then, 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.

**St. Paul News:**

Knights of Columbus will be having their annual Mens/Womens Steak Fry on Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup> starting at 5:30pm. Please 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.

**St. Joseph News:**

After mass on Sunday, the Christmas decorations will be taken down. If you want any of the poinsettias, you are welcome to take them home. They will be available in the west storage room by the sacristy. Any remaining after a week or so, will be thrown away.

**St. Joseph Bible Study: Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible** is an ideal program if you have ever thought about a Bible study, and this is an invitation for you to join in *A Quick Journey Through the Bible*. Jeff Cavin, in eight video presentations, will show us how to read the Bible by arranging the key people, places, and events of Scripture in chronological order so that we can better understand it. Study books can be purchased but are not necessary. Any questions? Call or text Rosanne LaBarge at 672-0479 or come to the church basement on Tuesday mornings following the St. Joseph School Mass. First session: Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Our Tithes from Last Week:**  
 Oakley: \$2,881.00 Angelus: \$862.00

**DAILY SCHEDULE**

Sat 07 – 5:00pm Mass + Carolyn Denchfield  
 Sun 08 – 8am Mass (Angelus) - Parishioners  
 10:30am Mass + Charlotte Wasko  
 Mon 09 – 7am Mass for the Baptism of the Lord + Todd Kuhlman  
 6:15pm - School Council  
 7pm – Finance Council  
 8pm – Parish Council  
 Tues 10 – 8:30am Mass + Beatta Robben  
 Wed 11 – 7:30am Mass (Angelus) + Jerry Gormley  
 7pm CCD at both parishes  
 Thur 12 – 8:30am Mass + Pope Benedict XVI  
 – 7:30pm Angelus Parish Council  
 Fri 13 – 7am Mass + Mary Ann Porter  
 Sat 14 – 5:00pm Mass + Parishioners  
 5:30pm Angelus K of C Men/Women’s Streak Fry  
 Sun 15 – 8am Mass (Angelus) + Kathleen Zerr  
 10:30am Mass + Bill Goetz

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

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Saturday, Jan 14 <sup>th</sup> 5 pm	Servers	Volunteers	Sunday Jan 15 <sup>th</sup> 10:30am	Servers	Peyton, Nolin & Ava
	Lectors	Tom Halbleib		Lectors	Marylou VanEaton
	Gifts	Bob & Sherri Kuhlman		Gifts	Kyle & Barb Hemmert
	Hospitality	Bob & Sherri Kuhlman		Hospitality	Ken & Faye Trompeter

Sunday, Jan 15 <sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm	Servers	Larynn Rumbach
	Lectors	Nancy Schwarz & Gary Ostmeyer
	EMHC's	Bernice Rueschhoff
	Gifts/Hosp.	Bob & Nancy Schwarz
	Ushers	Rodney Mense, Larry Mense, Gary Ostmeyer & Jeff Ostmeyer