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From the Pastor

From a Homily on Prayer by St. John Chrysostom: Prayer and converse with God is a supreme good: it is a partnership and union with God. As the eyes of the body are enlightened when they see light, so our spirit, when it is intent on God, is illumined by his infinite light. I do not mean the prayer of outward observance but prayer from the heart, not confined to fixed times or periods, but continuous throughout the day and night. Our spirit should be quick to reach out toward God not only when it is engaged in meditation; at other times also, when it is carrying out its duties, caring for the needy, performing works of charity, giving generously in the service of others, our spirit should long for God, and call him to mind, so that these works may be seasoned with the salt of God's love, and so make a palatable offering to the Lord of the universe. Throughout the whole of our lives we may enjoy the benefit that comes from prayer if we devote a great deal of time to it. Prayer is the light of the spirit, true knowledge of God, mediating between God and man. The spirit, raised up to heaven by prayer, clings to God with the utmost tenderness; like a child crying tearfully for its mother, it craves the milk that God provides. It seeks the satisfaction of its own desires, and receives gifts outweighing the whole world of nature.

ST. JOSEPH NEWS

Bible Study: Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible will meet on Tuesday morning, Feb 28th in the conference room at St. Joseph rectory after the 8:15am SJS Mass.

Oakley Lenten Bible Study Session #2: We will be covering the Washing of the Feet (John 13:1-20, cf Matthew 26:17-25, Mark 14:12-21, Luke 22:7-12,21-23) and Jesus' High Priestly Prayer (John 17).

Parents Club Pizza Hut Fundraiser. Monday, February 27 from 5-8. 4th Grade Parents Deliver.

School Mass on Tuesday, Feb. 28th will be at 8:15am.

Friday, March 3, St. Joseph School will do Stations of the Cross @ 10:45am.

ST. PAUL NEWS

Angelus Knights of Columbus will be having a Vocations Breakfast on Sunday, February 26th from 8:30 - 11am. Donations will benefit Seminarian Collin Thielen. Everyone is invited to attend.

Angelus Lenten Bible Study Session #1: We will be covering the Entry into Jerusalem, the Cleansing of the Temple and Jesus' Eschatological Discourse. If you don't have a Pope Benedict's Book, here are the scripture passages to read beforehand: Entry into Jerusalem: Matthew 21: 1-11, Mark 11: 1-11, Luke 19: 28-44, John 12: 12-19; Cleansing of the Temple: Matthew 21:12-17, Mark 11:15-19, Luke 19:45-48, John 2:13-22; Eschatological Discourse: Matthew 24:1 - 25:46, Mark 13, Luke 21: 5 - 36.

For anyone wanting to attend the following event, but not sure they can afford it, an anonymous benefactor has offered to pay for you to go. If interested please call the parish office with your name and we will get you registered to attend.

Immaculee Ilibagiza, A Rwandan-American author and motivational speaker will be at St. Frances Cabrini Church, Hoxie on Saturday, Mar 25 from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm to share her testimony of discovering God while surviving the 1994 Rwandan Massacre through the help of her deep Catholic faith and love for our Blessed Mother. You will be inspired as she shares her story of forgiveness, healing, & hope. Register at www.immaculee.com Tickets \$57 each or 2 tickets for \$76. Lunch will be provided. Mass will be offered at 4pm for attendees

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St. Anne Altar Society will meet on Thursday, March 9, at 7:30 in the church basement. This is a change because of a conflict. Items on the agenda include a report on the Bingo and soup supper, Divine Mercy celebration in Angelus, Easter general church cleaning, and Easter Flowers. All are welcome.

Capital Campaign Update: We are at around \$550,000 pledged and around \$190,000 in the bank. Thank you for your continued support!!!!

Our Tithes from Last Week

Oakley: \$2558.00 Angelus: \$761.00

DAILY SCHEDULE

Sat	25	5-5:00pm Mass + Linda Rumback
Sun	26	8am Mass (Angelus) + Leon Fellhoelter 10:30am Mass - Parishioners
Mon	27	NO Mass 5-8pm Pizza Hut Fundraiser for St. Joseph School
Tues	28	8:15am Mass + Margie Schoenfeld 9:30 Bible Study in the Conference Room 7:30pm Angelus Lenten Bible Study
Wed	01	7:30am(Angelus) + Bernard Huelsman Angelus/Oakley CCD Classes at 7pm
Thur	02	8:30am Mass + Loretta Schoenfeld 6:30pm Oakley Lenten Bible Study
Fri	03	7am Mass + Jim Muehlenkamp 10:45am – School Stations of the Cross 7pm – Stations of the Cross at both parishes
Sat	04	8am - Confessions 9am – Mass 5:00pm Mass - Parishioners
Sun	05	8am Mass (Angelus) + Maurice Bernard Baalman 10:30am Mass + Chuck Anderson

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

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Saturday, Mar 4 th 5 pm	Servers	Volunteers	Sunday Mar 5 th 10:30am	Servers	Kent Trompeter
	Lectors	Elaine Wycoff		Lectors	Nolin, Ava & Alexa
	Gifts	Stan & Kerri Scheetz		Gifts	Beverly M. & Cheri W.
	Hospitality	Stan & Kerri Scheetz		Hospitality	Beverly M. & Cheri W.

Sunday, Mar 5 th 8 am	Servers	Nick Robben
	Lectors	Millie Baalman
	Gifts/Hosp.	Jim & Kristy Fellhoelter EMHC – Elsie Rietcheck
	Ushers	Ray Schroder, Eugene Schwarz, Bob Schwarz & Ron Bixenman