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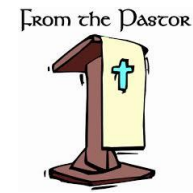
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From the Pastor

Advent Penance Services: The Advent Penance Schedule for the West Vicariate is available at the church's entrances. St. Joseph's penance service is on Sunday, December 22nd, at 2pm.

The Roman Church has been singing the "O" Antiphons since at least the eighth century. They are the antiphons that accompany the *Magnificat* canticle of Evening Prayer from December 17-23. They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but present ones as well. Their repeated use of the imperative "Come!" embodies the longing of all for the Divine Messiah.

December 18: O Leader of the House of Israel, giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai: come to rescue us with your mighty power!

December 19: O Root of Jesse's stem, sign of God's love for all his people: come to save us without delay!

December 20: O Key of David, opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom: come and free the prisoners of darkness!

December 21: O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.

December 22: O King of all nations and keystone of the Church: come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!

December 23: O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law: come to save us, Lord our God!

I will be taking off Thursday and Friday (December 26th and 27th) of this week, transferring my normal day off to Thursday. On Friday, I am going to Salina for seminarian stuff. I hope you all have had a fruitful Advent Season, and may God bestow upon you all many graces during this joyful Christmas Season.

3rd ANNUAL ADVENT FAMILY CHALLENGE: The diocese once again encourages and promotes the Family Advent Challenge. It is centered around building family life while entering the current liturgical season. Step 1 is committing to a Family Night once a week during Advent. Step 2 is to Pray the Novena for Family and Marriage from December 21 – December 28. Step 3 is to go to Mass on the Feast of the Holy Family together as a family (December 29). For more information, please visit <https://salinadiocese.org/office/family-life/advent-family-challenge/>

Memorial poinsettias are available for purchase at Everything's-A-Bloomin. We have already reserved what we need, and your donation will be deducted from the final total. Please contact Dana or Wendy with your parish, name, and donation. Thank you.

ST. PAUL NEWS:

The Angelus Knights of Columbus Membership Stag Steak Fry will be held on December 28 at 5:30 p.m. Please bring money for dues to help us save money on postage.

Free Youth Trapshoot on Sunday, December 29th, beginning at 1 p.m. This is for boys and girls in grades 5—12.

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


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.

Luke: *The Story of Salvation Fulfilled* explores the life and teachings of Jesus Christ as told by St. Luke the Evangelist. Beginning with the foretelling of John the Baptist's birth, the Annunciation, the Nativity, and continuing through Jesus' public ministry, passion, death, resurrection, and ascension, Luke's narrative shows how Jesus fulfills the Old Testament prophecies and everything that Scripture foretold about the promised Messiah. There are parables found only in Luke, including the Prodigal Son and the Good Samaritan. As we journey through Luke's account, we will encounter Jesus in a new way and discover how his teachings fit into our life today. In this 8-part study, with 30 minute videos, Jeff Cavins and Dr. Jeffrey Morrow provide teaching and commentary, including the Biblical roots for Mary, the Rosary, and the Mass that are found in Luke. The workbook contains session questions for reflection and discussion. You can obtain the online workbook and the videos for \$6.95 at ascensionpress.com. You will have access to both for one year. If you would like a paperback workbook, text R. LaBarge at 785-672-0479 or call 785-671-3350 by Dec. 30. (Ordering several workbooks will save on postage) The workbook with tax and postage will be about \$30. Call with any questions.

Coffee & Conversation on January 5th at 9 am in the Annex.

St. Joseph School is missing 11 folding chairs. If you borrowed them, please give the school a call at 785-671-4451. Thank you!






Our Tithes from Last Week

Oakley: 7,884.00 Angelus: \$912.00

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



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DAILY SCHEDULE

Sat	21 – 5pm + Mildred Kuhlman
Sun	22 – 8am Mass (Angelus) + Leland & Celeste McInay 10:30am Mass - Parishioners
Mon	23 – 8am Mass + Jim Robben Sr.
Tues	24 – 5pm Mass + Willie Zerr 10:30pm + Debra Campbell
Wed	25 – 8am Mass (Angelus) + Irene Hazen 10:30am Mass + Parishioners
Thur	26 – NO Mass
Fri	27 – NO Mass
Sat	28 – 5pm + Raymond Bussen
Sun	29 – 8am Mass (Angelus) + Joe Rehmer Sr. & Christine Rehmer 10:30am Mass - Parishioners

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

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Saturday Dec 28 th 5pm	Servers	Volunteers	Sunday Dec 29 th 10:30 am	Servers	Carter C, Faith K & Madeline K.
	Lector	Betty Hockersmith		Lector	Kay Hughes
	Gifts	Darin & Kim Munk		Gifts	Drew & Valerie Krier
	Hospitality	David & Dana Charles		Hospitality	Brad & Vicky Joseph

Sunday, Dec 29 th 8 am	Servers	LaRynn & Lettie Rumback
	Lectors	Millie Baalman & Barney Dickman
	Gifts	Ron & Nancy Bixenman
	Ushers	Bob Schwarz, Eugene Schwarz, Ron Bixenman & Daryl Bixenman