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From the Pastor



Holy Day of Obligation - Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God is on Wednesday, January 1st. Please see the Daily Schedule for mass times.

From an address by Pope Paul VI - Nazareth is a kind of school where we may begin to discover what Christ's life was like and even to understand his Gospel. Here we can observe and ponder the simple appeal of the way God's Son came to be known, profound yet full of hidden meaning. And gradually we may even learn to imitate him. First, we learn from its silence. If only we could once again appreciate its great value. We need this wonderful state of mind, beset as we are by the cacophony of strident protests and conflicting claims so characteristic of these turbulent times. The silence of Nazareth should teach us how to meditate in peace and quiet, to reflect on the deeply spiritual, and to be open to the voice of God's inner wisdom and the counsel of his true teachers. Nazareth can teach us the value of study and preparation, of meditation, of a well-ordered personal spiritual life, and of silent prayer that is known only to God. Second, we learn about family life. May Nazareth serve as a model of what the family should be. May it show us the family's holy and enduring character and exemplify its basic function in society: a community of love and sharing, beautiful for the problems it poses and the rewards it brings, in sum, the perfect setting for rearing children – and for this there is no substitute. Finally, in Nazareth, the home of a craftsman's son, we learn about work and the discipline it entails. I would especially like to recognize its value – demanding yet redeeming – and to give it proper respect. I would remind everyone that work has its own dignity. On the other hand, it is not an end in itself. Its value and free character, however, derive not only from its place in the economic system, as they say, but rather from the purpose it serves.

Memorial poinsettias are available for purchase at Everythings-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.

The Pizza Hut Fundraiser for St. Joseph School will be held on January 13th. The third-grade parents will deliver pizza.






Our Tithes from Last Week

Oakley: 2699.00 Angelus: \$1715.00

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 28 – 5pm + Raymond Bussen
 5:30pm K of C Stag Steak Fry in Angelus

Sun 29 – 8am Mass (Angelus) + Joe Rehmer Sr. & Christine Rehmer
 10:30am Mass – Parishioners
 1pm Youth Trapshoot in Angelus

Mon 30 – NO Mass

Tues 31 – 6:30pm Mass + Dennis & Connie Dawson

Wed 01 – 9am Mass (Angelus) + Danny George
 10:30am Mass + Jesse Hockersmith

Thur 02 – 7am Mass + Ron Brenner

Fri 03 – 7am Mass + JoAnn Engel
 7pm Adoration/Confessions

Sat 04 – 8am Confessions
 9am Mass
 5pm + Joe Bockwinkel

Sun 05 – 8am Mass (Angelus) - Parishioners
 9am Coffee and Conversation at the Annex
 10:30am Mass + Clem & Pauline Zerr
 1pm Angelus Youth Trap Shoot

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

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Saturday Jan 4 th 5pm	Servers	Volunteers	Sunday Jan 5 th 10:30 am	Servers	Peyton K, Shayden S. & Cody P.
	Lector	Micheline Huffman		Lector	Mike Kuhlman
	Gifts	Alan & Joyce Kuhn		Gifts	Ethan & Maureen Schwarz
	Hospitality	Curt & Lila Thompson		Hospitality	Mason & Hannah Scheetz

Sunday, Jan 5 th 8 am	Servers	Johnathan Ostmeyer
	Lectors	Doug Robben & Gary Ostmeyer
	Gifts	Jim & Kristy Fellhoelter
	Ushers	Andrew and Mason Bixenman, Bernard Dickman & Bob Fell.