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FROM THE PASTOR



Each week of Advent, we are drawn into salvation history more and more. Last week, we were called to “stay awake and be ready.” This weekend, we hear John the Baptist cry out, “Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.” There is a real temptation in our world today to fall asleep in our spiritual life, meaning that we get lax in our spiritual practices, or make excuses for not praying or fasting. Advent is the time for us to stay awake by repenting of our laxity in spiritual practices and restart, or begin new practices that draw us closer to Christ.

“As the journey of Advent continues, as we prepare to celebrate the nativity of Christ, John the Baptist’s call to conversion sounds out in our communities. It is a pressing invitation to open our hearts and to welcome the Son of God who comes among us to make divine judgment manifest. The Father, writes St. John the Evangelist, does not judge anyone, but has entrusted the power of judgment to the Son, because He is the Son of man. “And it is today, in the present, that we decide our future destiny. It is with our concrete everyday behavior in this life that we determine our eternal fate. At the end of our days on earth, at the moment of death, we will be evaluated on the basis of our likeness or otherwise to the Baby Who is about to be born in the poor grotto of Bethlehem, because He is the measure God has given humanity. “Through the Gospel, John the Baptist continues to speak down the centuries to each generation. His hard, clear words bring health to us, the men and women of this day, in which even the experience and perception of Christmas often, unfortunately, reflects materialist attitudes. The ‘voice’ of the great prophet asks us to prepare the way for the coming Lord in the deserts of today, internal and external deserts, thirsting for the water of life which is Christ.” — Benedict X

ST. JOSEPH NEWS:

NO CCD in Oakley on Wednesday, December 10th.

Daughters of Isabella Meeting will be on Thursday, December 11, at 1 pm in the Annex. Carol Weiser and Elaine Wycoff will be hostesses.

Advent Confessions will be in Oakley on Wednesday, December 17, from 5-8pm. There will be three priests available. Just come and go as you see fit.

Volunteers are needed to help decorate the church on December 21st after the 10:30 am Mass.

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL NEWS:

Please join us for the St. Joseph School Christmas program on December 10 at 7:00 pm.

ST. PAUL CHURCH NEWS: The 36th Annual Night of Prayer for Life will begin after the 7pm Mass on Monday, December 8th, and go until midnight.



If you would like to donate toward the Christmas poinsettias for a deceased family member, for either of the parishes, please call **Everything's A Bloomin**, or you can put money in the collection with your intent written on it. Thank you!!

Our Tithes from Last Week
 Oakley: \$6,960.47 Angelus: \$628.00

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



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DAILY SCHEDULE

Sat 06 – 5pm Mass + Mildred Kuhlman
 Sun 07 – 8:00am Mass (Angelus) + Rita Schwarz
 10:30am Mass – Parishioners
 Mon 08 – 7am Mass + Ernest & Martha Knapp
 12:05pm Mass + Virgil & Vonda Hecker
 7pm Mass (Angelus) + Royce Fellhoelter
 8pm Prayer for Life in Angelus
 Tues 09 – 8:30am Mass + Loretta Schoenfeld
 9:30am Bible Study in the rectory
 Wed 10 – 7:30am Mass (Angelus) + Wilfred & Donna Engel
 8am – 7:30 pm Adoration in Angelus
 7pm St. Joseph School Christmas program
 7pm CCD in Angelus
 NO CCD in Oakley
 Thur 11 – 8:30 am + Fr. Bill Surmeier
 9am – 7pm Adoration in Oakley
 1pm D of I Meeting at the Annex
 Fri 12 – 7am Mass + Delores Lockhart
 Sat 13 – 5pm Mass + Special Intention
 Sun 14 – 8:00am Mass (Angelus) - Parishioners
 10:30am Mass + Laura Goetz

Confessions are available 30 minutes before weekend Masses, by appointment, or as indicated on the schedule.

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Saturday Dec 13 th 5pm	Servers	Volunteers	Sunday Dec 14 th 10:30 am	Servers	CYO MASS
	Lector	Elaine Wycoff		Lector	CYO MASS
	Gifts	Jerry & Darlene Chaput		Gifts	CYO MASS
	Hospitality	Jerry & Darlene Chaput		Hospitality	CYO MASS

Sunday, Dec 14 th 8 am	Servers	Natalie Bixenman
	Lectors	Millie Baalman & Nick Robben
	Gifts	Steve & Laura Fellhoelter
	Ushers	Ron, Daryl, Andrew & Mason Bixenman