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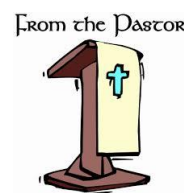
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**FROM THE PASTOR** From a notebook on Prayer by Origen – “The kingdom of God within us, as we continue to make progress, will reach its highest point when the Apostle’s words are fulfilled, and Christ, having subjected all his enemies to himself, will hand over his kingdom to God the Father, that God may be all in all. Therefore, let us pray unceasingly with that disposition of soul which the Word may make divine, saying to our Father who is in heaven: Hallowed be your name; your kingdom come. Note this too about the kingdom of God. It is not a sharing of justice with iniquity, nor a society of light with darkness, nor a meeting of Christ with Belial. The kingdom of God cannot exist alongside the reign of sin. Therefore, if we wish God to reign in us, in no way should sin reign in our mortal body; rather we should mortify our members which are upon the earth and bear fruit in the Spirit. There should be in us a kind of spiritual paradise where God may walk and be our sole ruler with his Christ. In us the Lord will sit at the right hand of that spiritual power which we wish to receive. And he will sit there until all his enemies who are within us become his footstool, and every principality, power and virtue in us is cast out. All this can happen in each one of us, and the last enemy, death, can be destroyed; then Christ will say in us: O death, where is your sting? O hell, where is your victory? And so what is corruptible in us must be clothed with holiness and incorruptibility; death will be cast out, and our mortality will be clad with the Father’s immortality, so that, as God reigns in us, we may truly enjoy the blessings of rebirth and resurrection.”

**The Advent Confession schedules** are at the entrances of the church. Please refer to them for confessions at each of the parishes in the West Deanery.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the Sacred Heart Parish Mission in Colby on December 17-20, 2023, featuring Guest Speakers Bishop Gerald Vincke of the Diocese of Salina and Fr. Scott Bailey of the Archdiocese of Denver! Topics include the Eucharist, Confession, Devotion to the Sacred Heart, & Friendship with Jesus. There will be a Reception in the Church Basement following the first night of the Mission with Bishop Vincke for all mission attendees. Childcare will be provided! We hope you will join us that week to grow in faith and love in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Office of Family Advent Family Challenge: We will do our second annual Advent Family Challenge. Please make sure you are keeping an eye on our website and social media for more information. <https://salinadiocese.org/office/family-life/advent-family-challenge/> Pick one night a week during Advent for a family night. Clear your schedule, put the phones in the other room, turn off the TV, make and share a meal together, and then watch something together from Formed.org. Pray the Novena for Marriage and Families with us. Each day (December 22nd – December 30th), we will send out the daily prayer through social media and on our website so your family can join with families all over our diocese praying together for marriages and families. Go to Mass together as a family on the Feast of the Holy Family (December 30th).

**Oakley Musicians Abroad** students are selling Poinsettias. They are offering 3 different colors red, red glitter, and white for \$37 each. If you are interested, please contact Nolin Kuhlman, Brooke Smith, or Kenna Selzer. **NOTE – These do not replace the normal poinsettias for the parish.**

**ST. JOSEPH NEWS**

**Coffee and Conversation** will be held on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9am in the Annex. The D of I ladies will be serving rolls, coffee and juice. Come join us and get to know your parish family! Everyone is welcome!

**Attached to the new ministry schedules** is a simple reminder of the duties that come with each ministry. Please take a couple minutes to look over them to freshen up on them. Thank you!


If you have not done the newest/updated parishioners data form that was done during Mass, last weekend, please either pick up a hard copy at the entrance of the church or complete it online. (if it does not have a ministry list in the form, you’re doing the wrong one).

**ST. PAUL NEWS**

At the beginning of Advent, I will put out signup sheets with lists of tasks to be done for clearing out the church on Wednesday, December 27th. Some things that will be generally needed are clean pickup beds to haul to the K of C Hall, basic power tools, a couple ladders, boxes, and carpet remnants to put between the faux organ pipes while they are being stored in the garage.

**Thank you** to the men who helped clean out the bell tower last Saturday. I was amazed to hear the number that showed up to help and how quickly the clean-up was finished. In case people don’t know, over 100 buckets of “stuff” were taken out of the bell tower. Thank you again for your hard work and generosity.

**Capital Campaign Update:** \$638K pledged and \$321K in the bank. Thank you for your continued support!!!!



**Our Tithes from Last Week**

Oakley: \$2977.00    Angelus: \$328.30

**DAILY SCHEDULE**

Sat	25 – 5pm Mass + Weber/Moorhous Families
Sun	26 – 8am Mass (Angelus) + Maggie Redetzke 10:30am - Parishioners
Mon	27 – No Mass
Tues	28 – 8:30am Mass + Cleon Heinrich 9:30am Bible Study
Wed	29 – 7:30am Mass (Angelus) + Fred & Ruby Bixenman 7pm CCD classes
Thur	30 – 8:30am Mass + Jim Robben Sr.
Fri	01 – 7am Mass + Jefferson Davis 7pm Adoration & Confessions
Sat	02 – 8am Confessions 9am Mass 5pm Mass + Robert “Bob” George 6pm - 20 <sup>th</sup> Annual Winterblast Fundraiser for St. Joseph School
Sun	03 – 8am Mass (Angelus) - Parishioners 9am Coffee & Conversation at the Annex 10:30am + Loretta Schoenfeld

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

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Saturday Dec 2 <sup>nd</sup> 5 pm	Servers	Volunteers	Sunday Dec 3 <sup>rd</sup> 10:30 am	Servers	Cody A., Alexander B., Brecken H.
	Lector	Micheline Huffman		Lector	Mike Kuhlman
	Gifts	Dennis & Jane Schwarz		Gifts	Russ & Angie Kahle Family
	Hospitality	Dennis & Jane Schwarz		Hospitality	Russ & Angie Kahle Family

Sunday, Dec 3 <sup>rd</sup> 8 am	Servers	Natalie Bixenman
	Lectors	Bill Kuhlman & Barney Dickman
	EMHC	Steve Fellhoelter
	Gifts	Mark & Bernice Rueschhoff
	Hospitality	Ron Lager, Larry Mense, Gary Ostmeyer & Jeff Ostmeyer