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FROM THE PASTOR



The "O" Antiphons of Advent - 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 17: O Wisdom of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love: come to teach us the path of knowledge! 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!

On Monday, December 18th, the Dicastery of the Doctrine of the Faith released a declaration on the pastoral meaning of blessings called Feducia Supplicans. This has caused a whirlwind of emotions throughout the world. At this time, I personally am not going to make a statement about it, but this comes from a place of not having ample time to read and formulate a coherent opinion on it as of yet. However, as with many things of the Church, it is sometimes best to let the dust settle a bit instead of getting caught up in the media frenzy. This papacy is one that is loved by many and disdained by many at the same time, and both sides are equally boisterous. This declaration seems to fit in the narrative of "technically change nothing but be vague in the important parts." This is the consternation that has plagued bishops and parish priests, since we are then left to interpret what His Holiness means, when that should not be our job. There will be an article available from the Bishop of Trondheim, Norway. Yes, it's very random, but seems to be one of the better takes on the declaration out there at the moment.

**ST. JOSEPH NEWS**

If you have not received your contribution envelopes in the mail, they should be arriving soon. This will be the new method of distributing contribution envelopes instead of yearly boxes. I believe they will be delivered quarterly. If you did not receive your contribution envelopes and wish to receive them, please contact Fr. Luke as soon as possible.


**ST. PAUL NEWS**

We will be cleaning out the church on Wednesday, December 27<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. All are welcome to help!

**BEGINNING on Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>** all Masses at Angelus will be at the K of C Hall. This will continue until the renovation is completed. (Hopefully before Easter!)

Knights of Columbus FREE Youth Trapshoot on Sunday, December 31st at 1pm. at the K of C Hall, Angelus. This is for boys and girls grade 5th -12th.

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



**Our Tithes from Last Week**

Oakley: \$2,536.00 Angelus: \$578.00



**DAILY SCHEDULE**

Sat	23 – 5pm Mass + Charlotte Wasko
Sun	24 – 8am Mass (Angelus) + Parishioners 10:30am Mass + Lillie Ludwig 5pm Mass + Todd Kuhlman 10:30pm Mass + Margie Schoenfeld
Mon	25 – 8am Mass (Angelus) + Wilfred & Donna Engel 10:30am Mass + Parishioners
Tues	26 – NO Mass
Wed	27 – 7:30am Mass (Angelus) + Bernard Huelsman
Thur	28 – 7am Mass + Debra Campbell
Fri	29 – 7am Mass + Bill Goetz
Sat	30 – 5pm Mass + Bob Huelsman
Sun	31 – 8am Mass (Angelus) + Dorothy Ann Schroeder 10:30am Mass + Larry Kuhlman 1pm Angelus Youth Free Throw contest
Mon	01 – 9am Mass (Angelus) + Kathleen Zerr 10:30am Mass + Joseph & Evelyn Engel

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

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Saturday Dec 30 <sup>th</sup> 5 pm	Servers	Volunteers	Sunday Dec 31 <sup>st</sup> 10:30 am	Servers	Breckyn & Carter S., Cody A.
	Lector	Tom Halbleib		Lector	Kay Hughes
	Gifts	Alan & Joyce Kuhn		Gifts	Mason & Hannah Scheetz
	Hospitality	Alan & Joyce Kuhn		Hospitality	Mason & Hannah Scheetz

Sunday, Dec 31 <sup>st</sup> 8 am	Servers	Johnathan Ostmeyer
	Lectors	Bill Kuhlman & Barney Dickman
	EMHC	Millie Baalman
	Gifts	Andrew & Tristan Bixenman Family
	Hospitality	Ron Lager, Larry Mense, Gary Ostmeyer & Jeff Ostmeyer