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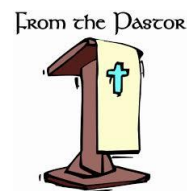
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**FROM THE PASTOR**

What is special about the Third Sunday of Advent? For much of the Church's history, this Sunday had a special name: "Gaudete" Sunday. The traditions surrounding this Sunday go back as far as the fourth or fifth century, as does the season of Advent itself. Advent, our preparation for Christmas, was originally a forty-day penitential season like Lent. In fact, since it used to begin on November 12 (just after the Memorial of St. Martin of Tours), it was called "St. Martin's Lent." "Gaudete Sunday" was the Advent counterpart to "Laetare Sunday," which marks the mid-point in Lent. On Gaudete Sunday, the season of Advent shifts its focus. For the first two weeks of Advent, the focus can be summed up in the phrase, "The Lord is coming." But beginning with Gaudete Sunday, the summary might be, "The Lord is near." This shift is marked by a lighter mood and a heightened sense of joyous anticipation. Liturgically, the colors lighten as well. The priest usually wears rose-colored vestments, a hue seen only on Gaudete Sunday and Laetare Sunday. On this day, we light the third candle of the Advent wreath, which is also rose-colored, or if you prefer, pink. The word "Gaudete" is Latin for "Rejoice." This celebration is a reminder that God who loves us is still in charge and that we await his coming not with fear, but with tremendous joy. Today's Second Reading, from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians, reflects this joy: "Brothers and sisters: Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus."

On Tuesday, December 19th, Bishop Vincke will be visiting our parishes. It also happens **St. Paul's** communal penance service is Tuesday evening. In addition to confessions, Bishop Vincke will be giving a short talk. Everyone is welcome to attend, regardless of if you will be participating in the penance service.

Thursday evening will be the communal penance service in Oakley beginning at 5pm. There will be three priests available for a while. Fr. Luke will remain in the confessional until 7pm or until confessions are finished if it is after 7pm.

**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**

Bishop Vincke will be here for Mass this Wednesday morning at 7:30am. Coffee and rolls will be served after Mass in the church basement. All are welcome!!!

The Knights of Columbus are having their annual Men's Steak fry on Thursday December 21<sup>st</sup> at the Hall in Angelus starting at 5:30pm.

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

**Our Tithes from Last Week**

Oakley: \$13,711.38    Angelus: \$1,167.00



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**DAILY SCHEDULE**

Sat	16 – 5pm Mass - Parishioners
Sun	17 – 8am Mass (Angelus) + Rita Beckman 10:30am Mass + Vesta Ostmeyer
Mon	18 – No Mass
Tues	19 – 8:30am Mass + Pauline Zimmerman 9:30am Bible Study 5-7pm Confessions at Angelus
Wed	20 – 7:30am Mass (Angelus) + Elinor Hickert Wiltfong
Thur	21 – 7am Mass + Clara Zimmerman 5pm Confessions in Oakley
Fri	22 – 7am Mass + LeRoy Heinrich
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

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

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Saturday Dec 23 <sup>rd</sup> 5 pm	Servers	Volunteers	Sunday Dec 24 <sup>th</sup> 10:30 am	Servers	Ivan J., Shayden S. & Alexa W.
	Lector	Betty Hockersmith		Lector	Carrie Evins
	Gifts	Curt & Lila Thompson		Gifts	Ken & Bridgit Bockwinkel Family
	Hospitality	Curt & Lila Thompson		Hospitality	Ken & Bridgit Bockwinkel Family

Sunday, Dec 24 <sup>th</sup> 8 am	Servers	Natalie Bixenman
	Lectors	Bill Kuhlman & Barney Dickman
	EMHC	Elsie Rietcheck
	Gifts	Murray & Millie Baalman
	Hospitality	Ron Lager, Larry Mense, Gary Ostmeyer & Jeff Ostmeyer