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FROM THE PASTOR The Sunday after Christmas we celebrate the Solemnity of the Holy Family. The family has played an integral role in God’s plan for creation and thus Jesus presented himself to the world within a family. This is a small quote from “The Family in the Catechism of the Catholic Church” by Cardinal William J. Levada – “The Catechism tells us that “In the creation of the world and of man, God gave the first and universal witness to his almighty love and his wisdom, the first proclamation of the plan of his loving goodness,’ which finds its goal in the new creation in Christ” (CCC 315). Here we see the fundamental truth that, in the plan of God, creation itself is ordered to redemption. Thus the family as a created reality finds its full meaning as a Christian family, as a community for whom Jesus Christ himself is Savior. Jesus makes of this community, this family, an instrument of his own saving, redeeming work on behalf of humanity. The Catechism points to this reality when it adopts the teaching of the Apostolic Constitution on the Family [Familiaris Consortio, n.21]: ““The Christian family constitutes a specific revelation and realization of ecclesial communion, and for this reason it can and should be called a domestic church”” (CCC 2204). To see the family as the Church “in miniature,” and to call the Church itself the “family of God,” are ideas that have been present from the early centuries of Christianity. St. Paul first taught about the mystery of the Church in reference to marriage and family when he wrote his Letter to the Ephesians. in which he urges that the relationship between husbands and wives imitate the self-sacrificing love of Christ for the Church. The family has a high vocation in the Church. The Catechism says that because it is a “communion of persons,” it is “a sign and image of the communion of the Father and the Son in the Holy Spirit.” In addition to this Trinitarian image, “in the procreation and education of children it reflects the Father’s work of creation.” Moreover, the Christian family “is called to partake of the prayer and sacrifice of Christ,” and it “has an evangelizing and missionary task” (CCC 2205).”

His Excellency Gerald L. Vincke has released his statement on the latest document from the Dicastery of the Doctrine of the Faith signed by Pope Francis. It is available on both the diocesan website <https://salinadiocese.org/news-and-updates/> or on the parish website.

Monday, January 1st – The Solemnity of the Mary the Mother of God is celebrated on January 1st. This *is not* obligatory this year, thus the faithful are not required to attend mass that day. However, it is still a Holy Day (just not obligatory) and masses will be offered in both parishes Monday morning. Please see daily schedule for mass times.

ST. JOSEPH NEWS

Coffee and Conversation will be held on Sunday, January 7th 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!

The Pizza Hut Fundraiser will be held on Monday evening, January 22nd with the Kindergarten parents delivering.

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


BEGINNING on Sunday, December 31st 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.

Jan 6th is the Men’s and Women's steak fry at the Hall in Angelus starting at 5:30 pm.

There will be a K of C meeting Jan 8th at the Hall in Angelus starting at 7:00 pm

Capital Campaign Update: \$638K pledged and \$345K in the bank. Thank you for your continued support!!!!



Our Tithes from Last Week
 Oakley: \$15,062 Angelus: \$7,224

DAILY SCHEDULE

Sat	30 – 5pm Mass + Parishioners
Sun	31 – 8am Mass (Angelus) + Dorothy Ann Schroeder 10:30am Mass + Bob Huelsman 1pm K of C Youth Free Throw Contest
Mon	01 – 9am Mass (Angelus) + Kathleen Zerr 10:30am Mass + Joseph & Evelyn Engel
Tues	02 – 7am Mass + Marvin Sander
Wed	03 – 7:30am Mass (Angelus) + Jerry Gormley
Thur	04 – 8:30am Mass + Linda Rumback
Fri	05 – 7am Mass + Helen Ostmeyer 7pm Adoration & Confessions
Sat	06 – 8am Confessions 9am Mass 5pm Mass + Brenner/Kuhlman Families
Sun	07 – 8am Mass (Angelus) + Anthony Feldt 9am Coffee & Conversation at the Annex 10:30am Mass + Parishioners

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

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Saturday Jan 6 th 5 pm	Servers	Volunteers	Sunday Jan 7 th 10:30 am	Servers	Alexander B., Jethro & Thomas C.
	Lector	Mike Kuhlman		Lector	Karli Krier
	Gifts	Cory & Janie Harrel		Gifts	Mike & Katie Chrisler Family
	Hospitality	Jerry & Elaine Wycoff		Hospitality	Mike & Katie Chrisler Family

Sunday, Jan 7 th 8 am	Servers	LaRynn & Lettie Rumback
	Lectors	Gary Ostmeyer & Nancy Schwarz
	EMHC	Doug Robben
	Gifts	Ron & Nancy Bixenman
	Hospitality	Joe Rehmer, Mark Rueschhoff, Ron Lager & Joy Rietcheck