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FROM THE PASTOR From a sermon by St. Sophronius on the Presentation of the Lord: “The true light has come, the light that enlightens every man who is born into this world. Let all of us, my brethren, be enlightened and made radiant by this light. Let all of us share in its splendour, and be so filled with it that no one remains in the darkness. Let us be shining ourselves as we go together to meet and to receive with the aged Simeon the light whose brilliance is eternal. Rejoicing with Simeon, let us sing a hymn of thanksgiving to God, the Father of the light, who sent the true light to dispel the darkness and to give us all a share in his splendour. Through Simeon’s eyes we too have seen the salvation of God which he prepared for all the nations and revealed as the glory of the new Israel, which is ourselves. As Simeon was released from the bonds of this life when he had seen Christ, so we too were at once freed from our old state of sinfulness. By faith we too embraced Christ, the salvation of God the Father, as he came to us from Bethlehem. Gentiles before, we have now become the people of God. Our eyes have seen God incarnate, and because we have seen him present among us and have mentally received him into our arms, we are called the new Israel. Never shall we forget this presence; every year we keep a feast in his honour.”

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Randy Pfeifer, father of seminarian Kyle Pfeifer and brother of Glen Pfeifer. He died Monday, January 29th unexpectedly. His funeral is/was Saturday, February 3rd. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

College Scholarships – If you are a 2024 graduating senior, or the parent of a graduating senior, there is an article on the parish website under “Parish Headlines” for Diocesan Scholarships. Students are encouraged to apply online by March 1st.

Listening Sessions: Rome has asked each diocese to once again have local listening sessions like what was done a year or so ago. All are welcome to attend. Here are the times and locations as well as the questions for you all to give your opinions.

Manhattan, St. Thomas More Utopia Room, Sunday, March 3, at 3pm
Hays, St. Nicholas Parish Hall, Sunday March 10, at 3pm
SPANISH: Salina, Sacred Heart Old Parish Hall, Sunday, Feb. 18, at 2pm.

Here are the questions:

1. Where have I seen or experienced successes—and distresses—within the Church’s structure(s)/organization/leadership/life that encourage or hinder the mission?
2. How can the structures and organization of the Church help all the baptized to respond to the call to proclaim the Gospel and to live as a community of love and mercy in Christ?

Pizza with Padre – Tuesday, February 6th at 6:30pm in St. Joseph’s School. It was a great turnout the last time, and the discussions were enlightening. Question buckets can be found at the entrances of the church to place questions in or ask them that evening. Hope to see you there!

ST. JOSEPH NEWS
Coffee and Conversation will be held on Sunday, February 4th 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!

Daughters of Isabella, St. Catherine Circle, monthly meeting will be held February 8, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. at the annex. Auditors quarterly meeting will be held prior to the meeting at 12:30 p.m. Reminder: We will have a cookie exchange after the meeting. Hostesses are Kay Hughes and Alice Lindeman.

Pizza Hut Fundraiser will be held on Monday, February 19th with the 4th grade parents delivering.

ST. PAUL NEWS
St. Anne’s, Angelus Bingo and Card Party will be held on Sunday, February 4, 2023 at 6pm. A great time for families with a prize for every bingo and chances are available to win many great raffle prizes!! All are welcome!!!

Capital Campaign Update: \$638K pledged and \$355K in the bank. Thank you for your continued support!!!!

Crucifix Removal: The painter wants to take the main crucifix in the church down Tuesday morning at 8 am. The weight is unknown, so the more help the better. Thank you!

Knights of Columbus meeting on Monday, February 5th, at 7pm in the hall.

Our Tithes from Last Week

Oakley: \$3417.00 Angelus: \$673.00

DAILY SCHEDULE

Sat	03 – 5:00pm Mass - Parishioners
Sun	04 – 8am Mass (Angelus) + Dorothy Ann Schroeder 9am Coffee & Conversation in the annex 10:30am Mass + Ron Kuhlman 6pm Angelus Bingo & Card Party at the K of C Hall
Mon	05 – NO Mass 7pm – Knights of Columbus Meeting
Tues	06 – 8:30am Mass + Cleon Heinrich Bible study after the Mass 6:30pm Pizza with Padre at the School
Wed	07 – 7:30am (Angelus) Mass + Bernard Huelsman 7pm CCD Classes at both parishes
Thur	08 – 8:30am Mass + Jim Robben Sr. 1pm D of I Meeting at the Annex
Fri	09 – 7am Mass + Martha Whipple
Sat	10 – 5:00pm Mass + Jesse Hockersmith
Sun	11 – 8am Mass (Angelus) + Kathleen Zerr 10:30am Mass - Parishioners

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

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Saturday Feb 10 th 5 pm	Servers	Volunteers	Sunday Feb 11 th 10:30 am	Servers	CYO
	Lector	Tom Halbleib		Lector	CYO
	Gifts	Ethan & Maureen Schwarz		Gifts	CYO
	Hospitality	Jerry & Elaine Wycoff		Hospitality	CYO

Sunday, Feb 11 th 8 am	Servers	Natalie Bixenman
	Lectors	Doug Robben & Ron Lager
	EMHC	Bob Schwarz
	Gifts	Gary & Cheryl Ostmeyer
	Hospitality	Doug Robben, Ray Schroeder, Bob Schwarz & Eugene Schwarz