



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The KofC's meet every 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All Knights in good standing (current dues paid) are encouraged to attend.

**Next meeting will be February 18, 2021, 7PM-Masks and Social Distancing Required.**



**February Birthdays:** Art Kreger, Don Fischer, Francis Mohr, Robert Chouinard, Duncan Mackenzie, Mark Arcidiacono, Ed Jaca, Don Tholen, Jay Ackerman, Raymond Cox, Paul Haytas, Roy Hutchings, Bob Colton, Charles Caughlin, and Niels Rasmussen.



To all those who have offered prayers and masses for my wife Kathleen Mitchell, it is greatly appreciated. May God bless you all.

Carroll "Squeaky" Mitchell



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Seating for the Chrism Mass will be limited. If you are wishing to attend the Chrism Mass this year, you will need to submit your name and number of people you want to attend to the office by February 28, 2021, along with your contact information. The Diocese will be having a lottery on who will be able to attend with a limited amount of 100 people total.

## Religious Education



### LENT

Ash Wednesday is on February 17th and this marks the beginning of Lent. Lent is the time of year we prepare for Easter Season and the Resurrection of Christ. To better prepare, come join Scott Hahn in his new video "ARE YOU READY? PAROUSIA THE BIBLE AND THE MASS". In this video there are 10 lessons, one each Wednesday, where Mr. Hahn uncovers the how and why of all of God's action in creation and redemption is in the Mass. You can sign up for this by going to the St. Paul Center web site or if you are interested in sharing as a group, please contact Ann Kniesel at the Parish office.

### FIRST COMMUNION

There is a First Communion class on February 10th at 6:30pm in the Paris Hall. This will be the last class prior to the class receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

### OUR LADY OF LOURDES



The feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes is Thursday February 11. Our Lady first appeared to a French peasant girl, Bernadette Soubirous on February 11, 1858 and appeared for the last time on July 16, 1858. The Lady that appeared to Bernadette was dressed in white and held a rosary. When the Lady appeared on February 24<sup>th</sup> she gave Bernadette the message: "Penance! Penance! Penance! Pray to God for sinners. Go, kiss the ground for the conversion of sinners.". On February 25<sup>th</sup> the apparition told Bernadette to drink from the muddy stream and to eat the weeds. When Bernadette returned on February 27<sup>th</sup> she was surprised to see the stream was no longer muddy but crystal clear. Each time Bernadette went to the Grotto a large crowd began to follow her. On this particular day, a woman with a paralyzed arm came to the water wanting to be healed. Four years later the Church would recognize this as the first miracle performed at Lourdes. On the feast of the Annunciation, Bernadette visited the grotto and asked the Lady who she was. The Lady replied "I am the Immaculate Conception". The Blessed Virgin Mary appeared two more times in 1858 and in 1862 the local bishop declared the apparitions worthy of belief. In 1866 Bernadette left Lourdes and joined a religious order in France and died in 1879. The church recognizes 69 miraculous healings at Lourdes, although there are claims of many more miracles attributed to Lourdes. In 1933 Bernadette was canonized a Saint, her feast day is April 16<sup>th</sup>.