



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.

The office and Food Bank will be closed Monday, February 15th in honor of President's Day.



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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 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". 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 Kniessel at the Parish office.

WHO WAS ST. VALENTINE



Who is this mysterious saint and where did these tradition come from? The history of Valentine's Day and the story of its patron saint is shrouded in mystery. We do know that February has long been celebrated as a month of romance, and that St. Valentine's Day as we know it today, contains vestiges of both Christian and ancient Roman tradition.

The Catholic Church recognizes at least three different saints named Valentine all of whom were martyred. One legend contends that Valentine was a priest who served during the third century in Rome. When Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, he outlawed marriage for young men. Valentine, realizing the injustice of the decree, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret.

When Valentine's actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death.

Still others insist that it was St. Valentine of Terni, a bishop, who was the true namesake of the holiday. He too, was beheaded by Claudius II.

Other stories suggest that Valentine may have been killed for attempting to help Christians escape harsh Roman prisons, where they were often beaten and tortured.

During the Middle Ages, it was commonly believed in France and England that February 14 was the beginning of birds' mating season, which added to the idea that Valentine's day should be day for romance.

Valentine greetings were popular as far back at the Middle Ages, though written Valentine's didn't begin to appear until after 1400.

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