



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®

The K of C's will meet the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Rectory All Knights, past Knights or men interested in becoming a Knight are encouraged to attend.

*****Next meeting will be December 21, 2023*****

7PM in the Rectory

Deceased Knights upcoming Masses

December 1—Leo Haw



Happy birthday to these Knights born in November! *Miloslav Voboril Jr, Tim Delsman, Ned Ratterman, Dave Sherman, Leo Holthouse, Jr. Vela, Bert White, Charlie*

Vaughan



Some of you will remember Kathy and Jim Berka and their family. Kathy was our bookkeeper for several years and Jim was an active member of our Catholic Community. Their son Jeremy is living in Montana and is currently studying at Mt. Angel Seminary. He would appreciate your support and prayers. Jim is in the Veterans

Home in Boise and would appreciate a visit, stop by if you can and say hello. (address for Mt. Angel is 1 Abbey DR, Mt. Angel OR, 97362 and the address for the Idaho Veterans Home is 320 Collins Rd., Boise, ID 83702)



John Heriza, a long time parishioner of St. Francis de Sales and Navy Veteran recently took a momentous trip. John along with his son Tom was a member of Honor Flight to Washington D.C. to visit memorials, monuments and historic sites. John served in the Navy's 7th fleet during the Korean War and then in July of 1953 he was assigned to the U.S. Yorktown where he served until discharge. (There is an article in the November issue of Ruralite Magazine)

Important Notice

Parish Council Meeting will be held on November 28, 2023 at 5:30 PM in the Rectory.

Finance Council meeting will be held on November 29, 2023 at 5:30 PM in the Rectory.



Thank you so much for your prayers, love and support during this time. We truly believe that we all have a new Saint Clare interceding for us! Love and prayers, Joe & June Hayes

Religious Education

HAPPY THANKSGIVING:

No 1st Communion class on the 19th class will resume on November 26th. All other classes will be held on November 19th and will be canceled on the 26th for the Thanksgiving Holiday.



On the 4th Thursday of November we celebrate Thanksgiving Day, a time to give thanks for all the blessings we have received during the year. However, Thanksgiving has lost much of its original religious significance and seems to be focused more on cooking, eating and being with family and friends, watching football and Macy's Thanksgiving parade.

In 1620 a small ship, the Mayflower landed in the "New World". The first winter was a brutal winter and they remained on the ship for the winter and many died from exposure, scurvy and disease. In the Spring the colonists moved ashore where they received a surprise visit from a member of the Abenaki tribe who spoke English. Later he returned with a Native American, Squanto (a member of the Pawtuxet tribe) who taught them how to cultivate corn, fish and collect sap from Maple trees. In November 1621 after a successful corn harvest the Governor (William Bradford) organized a day of feast and invited a group of Native American allies. (The first Thanksgiving) In 1623 the Governor called for a religious fast and thanksgiving to mark the end of a long drought. In 1789 President Washington issued the first Thanksgiving proclamation .

In 1817 New York became the first state to adopt Thanksgiving as an annual holiday. Sarah Josepha Hale (she wrote "Mary had a Little Lamb") led a campaign to establish Thanksgiving as a national holiday. In 1863 President Lincoln, at the height of the Civil War issued a proclamation asking all Americans to pray to heal the wounds of the nation. He designated the last Thursday of November as a day of Thanksgiving and in 1939 President Franklin moved it up a week in an attempt to improve retail sales during the "Great Depression". In 1941 the president signed a bill making Thanksgiving the 4th Thursday of November.



With the stair project coming to an end soon, we are in need of parishioners to give us a hand with cleaning up the hall, kitchen and Knights room when the project is done. Please contact Dawn or Ann to sign up and give us a hand. We really need all parishioners to step up and help. Thanks