



# 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



Happy birthday to these Knights born in December! *Reno Hammond, JR Upmeyer, Alan McCauley, JR Vela, Joe Shaffer, Chip Keithley, Mike Skidmore.*



"Keep Christ in Christmas" yard signs, sponsored by the Knight of Columbus, are available for sale again this year in the Parish Office. There is a limited quantity, so come get yours while they last. The cost is \$10.00 and they come with the stake.

Car magnets are also available for \$5.00 each.



Hi, my name is Grace Kennedy and I am 9 years old and have a baking business. Please contact me for cookies or cupcakes (gluten free available). Thank you (541) 403-4844



## Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day Celebration

5:00 AM—Mañanitas

9:00 AM—Daily Mass

5:00 PM—Our Lady's Mass



We will be accepting your poinsettia's from December 18th through December 21st. Please have your poinsettia here prior to

Friday as the office is closed on Fridays.

Thank you!

# Religious Education

Last class in December is the 17<sup>th</sup> and classes will resume on January 7<sup>th</sup>.



It is that time of year when we prepare for the coming of the Christ child. We decorate the tree, hang the stockings and best of all put up the Nativity Scene. Where did the tradition of having a Nativity come from?

In the year 1233 St. Francis of Assisi and his fellow Franciscans

journeyed to the little town of Greico which was built on a mountainside with a beautiful view of the valley. They came to celebrate Christmas with the people. St. Francis soon realized that the chapel in the hermitage would be too small to hold all who would come for midnight mass. In searching for a larger place to say mass, Francis found a niche near the town square and set up an altar. With permission of the sovereign Pontiff, he prepared a manger, and brought hay, and an ox and an ass to the niche. St. Francis wanted to excite the people of Greico to commemorate the nativity of the infant Jesus with great devotion. He summoned the brethren, and the people came, the forest resounded with their voices. St. Francis stood before the manger, full of devotion and piety bathed in tears and radiant with joy. He chanted the gospel and preached to the people around the nativity. Because of his love and devotion, he was unable to say the name of the Christ child, so he referred to him as "Babe of Bethlehem". Laying in the manger was beautiful sleeping infant, Francis embraced the infant with both arms as if to awake him from sleep.

Although the story is long and old, the message is clear for us. Our own Nativity scene that we bring out at Christmas is a reminder of the night our Savior was born. May we never forget the "Babe of Bethlehem", who came to save us from sin. **We must never forget that the wood of the manger that held him would one day become the wood of the cross.** May we follow St. Francis and embrace the Christ Child with all our love and devotion not only at Christmas but throughout the year. (information from Catholic Straight Answers)



The elevator is complete and working. Starting on December 17th, we will no longer have Sunday Mass at St. Alphonsus. Wednesday Mass at St. Alphonsus will continue.

Thank you for your patience in this!