



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



Pat Culley will be celebrating her 98th birthday on January 3rd, 2024. In her honor there will be an open house on Jan 1 from 1pm to 3pm at the Agape church on Highway 7. Everyone is invited! If you would like to send Pat a card her address is 2249 Virginia Ave. Baker City, OR 97814.

Confessions with the visiting priests will be on December 21, 2023 at 6:00 PM. We will have Fr. Thomas from LaGrande, and Fr. Joseph from Ontario as well as Fr. Suresh



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

Today 12/17 is the last class for this year. Classes will resume on January 7th, 2024. Thank you to all who help with the Religious Education Program and a Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year.



Christmas is almost upon us and Christmas Carols ring throughout the land. Over 200 years ago a priest in a little town in Austria was searching for a song for Midnight mass, there had been a flood and the church organ had been damaged so he needed a song that could be sung without the organ.

On a cold Christmas Eve in 1818 pastor Joseph Franz Mohr walked 1.8 miles from his home in Oberndorf bei Salzburg to visit his friend Franz Xavier Gruber. In the neighboring town of Arnsdorf bei Laufen. He brought with him a poem he wrote two years prior and asked his friend to set his poem to music. It was Christmas Eve and midnight mass was fast approaching. Amazingly within a few hours Franz Gruber composed the "Stille Nacht" melody for guitar accompaniment. A few hours after Franz Gruber composed the music for Father Joseph Mohr's poem the two stood before the altar in the church of St. Nicholas in Oberndorf and performed "Stille Nacht" for the first time.

Since that time "Stille Nacht" which we know as Silent Night is sung the world over and is a treasured Christmas song. In Austria "Stille Nacht" is considered a national treasure. Traditionally the song may not be played publicly before Christmas Eve, and any commercial use of the 200-year-old carol is verboten.

Readings for Holy Mass This Week

Dec 18	Jeremiah 23:5-8	Matthew 1:18-25
Dec 19	Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a	Luke 1:5-25
Dec 20	Isaiah 7:10-14	Luke 1:26-38
Dec 21	Song of Songs 2:8-14	Luke 1:39-45
Dec 22	1 Samuel 1:24-28	Luke 1:46-56
Dec 23	Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24	Luke 1:57-66

Collections: December 10, 2023

SFDSC	Offertory	\$ 2783.00	SOC:	\$ 56.00
	PAC:	\$ 6.00	Food	\$ 76.00
	Needy:	\$ 96.00	Bank:	
			Religious	\$ 500.00
			Retirement	
St. Therese:	Offertory:	\$ 1117.00	Food	\$
	Needy:	\$	Bank:	
	PAC:	\$	SOC	\$
			CCC	\$