



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 January 18, 2024

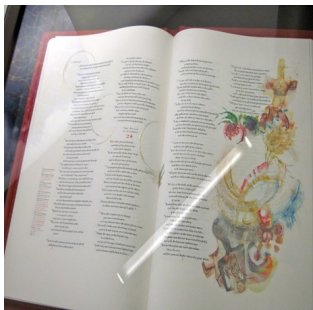
7PM in the Parish Hall

Deceased Knights upcoming Masses

Art Chaves—Jan 31 ~ Bob Ciesel—Feb 8



Happy birthday to these Knights born in January! Joe Hayes, Paul Bouchard, Jim Watt, Chuck Staten, Joe Brooks, Steve Bogart, Nelson Clarke, John Denne.



Saint John's Bible

St. John's Bible is a work of art and a work of theology. A team of artists led by Donald Jackson used the ancient techniques of calligraphy and illumination to create this Bible commissioned by St. John's Addey and

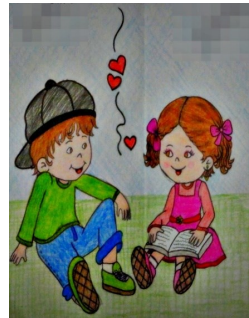
University in Collegeville, Minnesota.

St. John's Bible is the first handcrafted Bible to be commissioned by a Benedictine monastery in 500 years. No project of its kind has been undertaken since the advent of the printing press in the 15th century. It is on display at St. Alphonsus Hospital in the radiology waiting room and is well worth seeing.

Religious Education

As parents it is your responsibility to ensure your children are educated in their Catholic Faith and are prepared for receiving the sacraments. Confirmation is held every other year, St. Francis is scheduled for 2025.

The diocese requires two years of Religious Education instruction prior to being Confirmed. If you have a youth that wishes to be Confirmed in 2025 they need to be attending classes now. If you have any questions please contact the office. (541-523-4521.



Inviting Young Adults, 18-39:
Diocesan Lenten Retreat

"Sacrificial Love; The Redemption of Suffering"
February 17-18, 2024*

Come begin your Lenten journey with engaging speakers (including Bishop Liam Cary, Sr. Ignacia Carrillo, FMA, Fr. Caleb Cunningham), Eucharistic Adoration with an opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance (with Bp. Cary, Fr. Mena, or Fr. Cunningham), time for personal prayer and reflection, small group fellowship, and Sunday Mass celebrated by Bishop Cary at the beautiful, peaceful Cascade View Retreat Center, Powell Butte. For more info, or to register, visit DioceseofBaker.org.

*early/late arrival/departure available by request.

Supported by the Bishop's Annual Appeal.

Saint Anthony Abbot



On January the 17th we celebrate the life of St. Anthony Abbot who was a holy man that lived by God's word. (Not to be confused with St. Anthony of Prada). His parents passed away when he was a young man of 18 and he inherited 300 acres and the responsibility of a younger sister.

One day at church he heard the reading from Matthew 19:21-24: "If you wish to be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." Anthony then left the church and sold his possessions except for what he and his sister needed to live on. Later he sent his sister to a convent and he left his village to live a life of prayer, fasting and manual labor in the Egyptian desert. Throughout his life he wrestled with the temptations from the devil who wanted him to leave the ascetic life Anthony had chosen. After one such bout he was so beaten his friends thought he was dead and carried him to the church. After one particular difficult struggle Anthony called out to God, "Where were you when I needed you? God answered him:" I was here watching your struggle. Because you didn't give in, I will stay with you and protect you forever."

Although he never attended school philosophers came to him as he was seen as a wise man and was often called upon to prevent and cure diseases in people and animals. He is known as the Patron Saint of grave diggers, butchers, skin diseases.

PRAYER TO ST. ANTHONY: Saint Anthony you spoke of the importance of persevering in our faith and our practice. Help us to wake up each day with new zeal for the Christian life and a desire to take the next challenge instead of just sitting still. Amen (Catholics on line)

Holy Hour

For Life with Bishop Cary

Livestreamed at DioceseOfBaker.org



Join Bishop Cary for a Holy Hour for Life, Jan. 18th, 8-9pm (PT) at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Bend or via Livestream by going to DioceseOfBaker.org. Bishops across America will be leading hours of prayer before our Lord in the Holy Eucharist throughout the night of the 18th as part of the 2024 National Prayer Vigil for Life. We hope you can join us in this important time of prayer.