



# 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 February 15, 2024\*\*\***

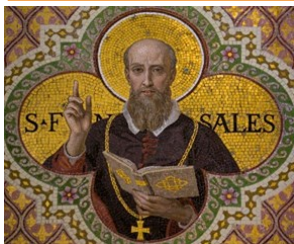
**7PM in the Parish Hall**

**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.



## St. Francis de Sales, our patron saint

On January 24 we celebrate the feast of St. Francis de Sales for whom our cathedral is named. Francis was born on August 21, 1567 into a noble family in Savoy France. This was during the Protestant Reformation. His father

wanted him to attend the best schools and prepare for a career as a magistrate. To please his father, he took lessons in dancing, riding and fencing.

In 1586 he attended a discussion on predestination and he became convinced that he was doomed to go to hell. This sent him into a major depression and he became physically ill. In 1587 he prayed before a statue of Our Lady of Good Deliverance, a Black Madonna and consecrated himself to the Blessed Virgin Mary and decided to dedicate his life to God and took a vow of chastity and concluded that God had good things in store for him because as in the First Epistle of John 4:7-8 attests "God is Love".

In 1592 after receiving a doctorate in law and theology he made the decision to become a priest and after giving up his title and right of inheritance he was ordained a priest. In 1602 he was consecrated Bishop of Geneva; however, he was unable to reside in Geneva as Geneva was controlled by the Calvinist and it was not safe for him to reside there.

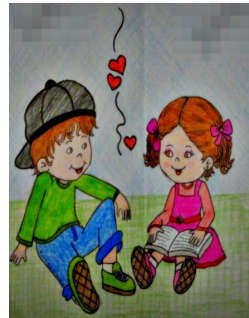
He preached with love, his motto was: "He who preaches with love, preaches effectively". He wrote several books the most famous one "Introduction to the Devout Life", written for laypeople, especially for women. Along with Jane Frances de Chantal he was instrumental in founding the Order of the Visitation of Holy Mary, a women's order.

Francis died in December 1622 after suffering stroke. He has been called the "Gentleman Saint" because of his patience and gentleness. He was beatified in 1661 by Pope Alexander VII, and was canonized four years later. Francis was declared a Doctor of the church by Pope Pius IX in 1877. He is the patron saint of writers and journalists. He developed a sign language to teach a deaf man about God therefore is also the patron saint of the deaf. (Wikipedia)

# 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](http://DioceseofBaker.org).

\*early/late arrival/departure available by request.

Supported by the Bishop's Annual Appeal.

**Mass Schedule Changing  
No Morning Mass 1/22—27/2024**

**Morning Mass Schedule**

**1/29—2/2; 2/5—2/9—9:00 AM**

**Friday Mass will start at 9:00**

**No Saturday Mass through Feb 10, 2024**



**February 14, 2024  
Ash Wednesday Mass  
10:00 AM Only**



I wish to thank everyone who helped in getting my new wood stove and chimney installed. I am now nice and warm due to your generosity. I'm grateful to each and everyone of you. Norma Upmeyer



**Coffee Hour Resuming  
January 28, 2024**

Jan 28—Jill Myatt, Virginia Babski

Feb 4—Chuck & Linda Taylor, Brett & Gayle Combs

**\*\*If you would like to help with social hour, please contact Laura Bates at 541-212-5792. Thanks!**