



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®

The K of C's will meet the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall All Knights, past Knights or men interested in becoming a Knight are encouraged to attend. **NOTE NEW MEETING TIME!!!**

Knight's Next Meeting—January 16, 2025—6:00 PM

Deceased Knights upcoming Masses



Happy birthday to these Knights born in December! Reno Hammond, Vade Keithley, Duncan Mackenzie, Alan McCauley, Joe Shaffer, Mike Skidmore, Mike Upmeyer, JR, Secundino JR Vela



Catholic Daughters of St. Francis de Sales Cathedral will not be meeting in December due to the holidays. Next meeting is January 23, 2025 at 6:00 PM in the Parish Hall.



Pat Culley is celebrating her 99th birthday on January 1, 2025. Her family is honoring her with an Open House at the Agape Christian Center at 1:00 PM on January 1st. Please come by to help celebrate this very special occasion.

Religious Education

Classes resume January 5, 2024.



Epiphany House Blessing with Chalk

This Blessing is a centuries old tradition that you as a family can do on the feast of the Epiphany. The blessing has biblical roots tied to the Passover in the book of Exodus: 12:1-13. It takes place on the Epiphany marking the visitation of the Magi to the Christ Child and the revelation that Jesus is the son of God. This traditional home blessing will serve as a symbol of hope and a visible reminder of faith and will be a strong reminder of how important God is to us and what an important factor Jesus is in our daily lives.

Why chalk? Chalk is an ordinary substance of the earth, "dust" and reminds us we are dust of the earth.

Blessed chalk and instructions for Blessing the Home will be available at the office and on Sunday, January 5th as you leave the church.

Instructions for Blessing the Home

Using the blessed chalk (in the back of the church) mark the lintel of your front door as follows:

20+C+M+B+25 saying: The three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchoir, and Balthazar followed the star of God's Son who became human two thousand and 24 years ago. May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year. **Say the following prayer:** Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace. O Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

The letters have two meanings. First, they represent the initials of the Magi-Caspar, Malchior, and Balthazar – who came to visit Jesus in His first home. They also abbreviate the Latin phrase, Christus mansionem benedicat: "May Christ bless the house". The + signs represent the cross, and the "20" at the beginning and the "25" at the end mark the year. Taken together, this inscription is performed as a request for Christ to bless those homes so marked and that He stay with those who dwell therein throughout the entire year.



Coffee Hour Schedule

Dec 29—Billy & Marci Cunningham
Jan 5—The Cunninghams & Robertsons
Jan 12—The Keller Family

Church Greeters Schedule

Dec 29—Matt & Gail Armstrong
Jan 5—Joe & June Hayes
Jan 12—Knights of Columbus Breakfast



**If you would like to help with social hour, please contact the office. Thank you!