



# 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.

**Knights' Next Meeting—February 20—6:00 PM**

### Deceased Knights upcoming Masses

February 17—Larry Potter

February 20—Sam Raabe



Happy birthday to these Knights born in February! John Ackerman, Mark Arcidiacono, Charles Caughlin, Robert Chouinard, Robert Colton, Ray Cox, Don Fischer, Paul Haytas, Roy Hutchings, Ed Jaca, Art Kreger, Duncan Mackenzie, Francis Mohr, Niels Rasmussen, Don Tholen



### DAUGHTERS OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

The Catholic women meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month at 6:00pm in the parish hall. All women young or old are welcome.

**NEXT MEETING IS FEBRUARY 27 AT 6:00PM**

**ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH ARE INVITED AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.**

## "Encountering Jesus Through Prayer".



Come learn several types of prayer to enhance your fellowship with God.

### St. Thérèse Of Lisieux Catholic Church, Halfway

presents a day focused on prayer with Amanda Villagomez, April 5, 2025, 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM  
Amanda is an associate professor in the College of Education Eastern Oregon University. She is the creator of "Endure in Hope," a Christ centered growth and healing resource and author of "Do the Next Thing: Stepping Forward in Faith."

For more information visit: <https://www.sttheresehalfway.org/events-saint-therese>

# Religious Education



On February 22 we celebrate the feast of the Chair of St. Peter. The chair symbolizes the authority of St. Peter and his successors who have served the Catholic Church as the Bishop of

Rome (Pope). The term chair in the feast day comes from the Latin term cathedra, meaning the seat of government.

How did such a feast day ever get started? We need to go back to the time of Jesus for the answer. According to the Gospel of Matthew 16:17-19 Jesus asks the Twelve Apostles, "Who do you say I am?" Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus answered, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, you are Peter, and on this rock, I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

Later following the Resurrection, Jesus confirms Peter's primacy over the other apostles as well as authority over His Church. He gives Peter the keys to the kingdom, "Feed my lambs . . . Feed my sheep". This authority and responsibility given to Peter, is meant to be passed on to each of his successors, Jesus did not intend for the Church to end with Peter. This feast day symbolizes an unspoken confidence that the church of Jesus does not change from age to age; that the truths of the Gospel still form the basis of our faith, that these eternal truths are reflected in every Catholic parish and in every Mass.

In the late fourth century, St. Jerome wrote to Pope Damasus I: "I follow no leader but Christ and join in communion with none but Your Blessedness, that is, with the chair of Peter. I know that this is the rock on which the Church has been built. Whoever eats the Lams outside this house ids profane. Anyone who is not in the Ark of Noah will perish when the flood prevails."

(Catholic Answers D.D. Emmons)



**Welcome back Fr. Suresh, we are so happy you are back!**



### Coffee Hour Schedule

Feb 16—Geno & Laura Bates  
Feb 23—Steve & Connie Bogart  
Mar 2—Al & Michele McCauley

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

### Church Greeters Schedule

Feb 16—The Swart & DeChant Families  
Feb 23—The Ben Norton Family  
Mar 2—Joe & June Hayes

