



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.

Next Knight's meeting will be Thursday, July 16th, 2026

Deceased Knights Memorial Masses

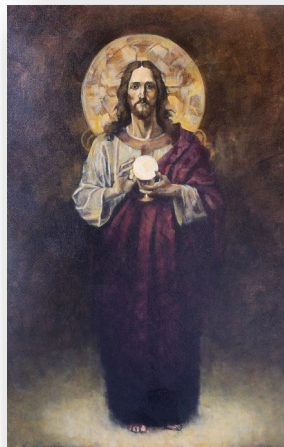
July 9 ~ Walter Colton — August 6 ~ Delmer Dixon



Happy birthday to these Knights born in July!

Richard Chaves, Ryan Chaves, Al Hausotter, Gordon Krook, Duncan Mackenzie, Scott Sherman, Paul Stiefvater

The Knights of Columbus, #849 commissioned parishioner, Paul Hoelscher, to paint an original picture of his vision of the Blessed Sacrament to honor the memory of Squeakie Mitchell, past Grand Knight who bequeathed money to the Knights. Squeakie also served as the church's sacristan for 26 years. Paul's rendition of the Blessed Sacrament is located at the front of the church by the baptismal font. His vision for this one of a kind painting truly shows his talent and deep Catholic faith. Thank you Paul for this beautiful piece of art.



DAUGHTERS OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

The next meeting will be in the Library on Sunday July 12, 2026 following Mass.

If you would like to send a card to Ann and Matt, please send them to the following address:

ANN & MATT KNEISEL
C/O Theresa Ryan
1621 N Ponderosa St.
Canby, OR 97013

They are continuing to improve but have a long road of recovery ahead of them.

God bless America

A Quiet Foundation: The Story of American Catholics and 250 Years of Building a Nation

The story of the United States is often told through wars, presidents, and founding documents. Yet another story runs alongside it—the story of millions of American Catholics whose faith inspired them to serve their neighbors, educate the young, heal the sick, defend the country, and help build communities from coast to coast.

At the nation's founding in 1776, Catholics made up only a tiny fraction of the population. In many colonies, they had faced legal restrictions and suspicion. Nevertheless, Catholics supported the American cause for independence. Among the most prominent was Charles Carroll of Carrollton, the only Catholic signer of the Declaration of Independence. His cousin, John Carroll, became the first Catholic bishop in the United States and believed that Catholicism and American democracy could thrive together.

During the nineteenth century, immigrants from Ireland and Germany arrived seeking opportunity. Many encountered discrimination because of their religion and ethnicity. Signs reading "No Irish Need Apply" reflected the prejudice of the era. Yet these immigrants laid railroad tracks, dug canals, built roads, worked in factories, and established farms that fueled America's rapid industrial growth.

They also built something lasting beyond bricks and steel. Catholic parishes became centers of community life. Religious sisters founded schools that educated generations of Americans, regardless of wealth. They established hospitals where the sick received care at a time when modern medicine was still developing. Orphanages, charitable societies, and shelters cared for the vulnerable long before extensive public welfare systems existed.

By the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, millions of Catholics from Italy, Poland, Slovakia, Lithuania, and many other nations joined earlier immigrant communities. Together they transformed neighborhoods in cities large and small. Their churches became landmarks, while their festivals, music, food, and traditions enriched American culture.

Throughout modern history, Catholic organizations have continued serving communities during natural disasters, economic downturns, and humanitarian crises. Catholic charities feed the hungry, welcome refugees, assist veterans, provide disaster relief, and support families in need. Their work is often carried out quietly, motivated by the belief that every person possesses inherent dignity.

The Catholic story in America is also one of continual renewal. Hispanic Catholics have become one of the fastest-growing parts of the Church, contributing vibrant traditions and strengthening parishes across the country. Asian, African, and Middle Eastern

Looking back over 250 years, American Catholics helped build schools that educated millions, hospitals that healed countless patients, charities that served the poor, neighborhoods that became thriving communities, and institutions that strengthened civil society. They worked on farms and factory floors, served in military uniforms, held public office, advanced scientific research, created works of art, and raised families whose lives became woven into the American story.

The history of American Catholics is not separate from the history of the United States. It is one thread among many that together form the fabric of the nation—a reminder that America's growth has always depended on people from diverse backgrounds who shared a commitment to building a more prosperous, compassionate, and enduring republic. (ChatGPT)



Coffee Hour Schedule

July 12—Eric & Stephanie Johnson
July 19—No one is scheduled

Church Greeters Schedule

July 12—No one is Scheduled
July 19—Ben & Cynthia Norton Family
July 26—Joe & June Hayes

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

