



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®

The KOC meet every 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All Knights in good standing (current dues paid) are encouraged to attend. **Next meeting will be December 16, 2021, 7PM-masks are optional at meetings.**



Mike Voboril Jr., Tim Delsman, Ned Ratterman, Dave Sherman, Leo Holthouse, JJ Vela, Bert White, Tom Heriza, Charlie Vaughn

NO BINGO FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS. HALL FLOORS ARE BEING STRIPPED AND WAXED.

## UPCOMING NEWS AND EVENTS

**Dec. 4th:** Liturgical Ministers Meeting @ 10:00am in Parish Hall. This includes all Ushers, Readers, Sacristans, Extraordinary Ministers, Acolytes, and Altar Servers.

**Dec. 7th: Holy Mass in Halfway at 2PM** for the **Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Dec. 7th:** No Bible Study as Father will be in Halfway. It has been rescheduled to Thursday, Dec. 9th @ 1:30pm in Rectory.

**Dec. 8th: Parish Office Closed**

**Dec. 8th: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Holy Mass: **9:00AM in Cathedral and 6:00PM in Cathedral**

Holy Mass: **11:30AM in North Powder**

**Dec. 10th:** Funeral Mass for Troy Stewart @ 11:00AM

With reception to follow at the Elks Lodge

**Dec. 12th: Our Lady of Guadalupe**

**Rosary/Mananitas: 5:00AM**

**Mass: 5:00PM**

**Dinner: 6:00PM**

Everyone is invited!

We will meet in the Office Saturday December 11th, around noon, to decorate the hall.

## Religious Education

Today is the beginning of a new liturgical year and the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent. The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and to the anniversary of Our Lord's birth on Christmas. Advent devotions including the Advent wreath, remind us of the meaning of the season. (usscb)

Advent invites us to a commitment to vigilance, looking beyond ourselves, expanding our mind and heart in order to open ourselves to the needs of people, of brothers and sisters, and to desire a new world. (Pope Francis, Angelus, 2018)

### THE ADVENT WREATH



Traditionally, Advent wreaths are constructed of a circle of evergreen branches into which four candles (3 purple and one rose) are inserted, representing the four weeks of Advent. Each candle symbolizes:

1. Prayer
2. Penance
3. Rejoicing as we are close to Christmas
4. Preparatory sacrifices

The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of his second coming to judge the living and the dead.

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## CONGRATULATIONS!!

Congratulations to Johnathan and Triana Cunningham on the Baptism of their little son, Joachim Martin!

