



# 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 January 20, 2022, 7PM-masks are optional at meetings.**



Reno Hammond, Al McCauley, JR Vela, Vade Keithley, Joe Shaffer, Louis Tholen, Mike Skidmore

## UPCOMING NEWS AND EVENTS

Dec. 24th-27th: PARISH OFFICE AND FOOD BANK CLOSED

Dec. 24th: **Christmas Vigil Mass at 4:30PM with Bishop Cary & Father Suresh NO EVENING MASS**

Dec. 25th: **Christmas Day Mass at 9:30AM in Cathedral with Bishop Cary**

**Christmas Day Mass at 11:30AM in Halfway with Father Suresh**

**Christmas Day Mass at Noon in North Powder with Bishop Cary**

**THERE WILL BE NO VIGIL MASS IN THE EVENING.**

Dec. 26th: Holy Mass at 9:30am in Cathedral with Father Suresh

Holy Mass at 11:30am at St. Therese in Halfway with Bishop Cary

Holy Mass at St. Anthony 11:30am in North Powder with Father Suresh

Dec. 31st: Normal Mass schedule... **NO VIGIL MASS**

Jan. 1, 2022: Holy Mass at 9:30am, **NO VIGIL MASS**

Jan. 16th: Spanish Mass at 1:00pm in the Cathedral

The third Sunday of every month, Father will be holding Mass in Spanish, at 1:00pm in the Cathedral.



**There still time to get your poinsettias in! Just bring them to the Parish Office. Be sure you have written down the loved ones names.**



## Religious Education

### *Silent Night*

Christmas is almost upon us and Christmas Carols ring throughout the land. Over 200 years ago a priest in a little town in Austria was searching for a song for Midnight mass, there had been a flood and the church organ had been damaged so he needed a song that could be sung without the organ.

On a cold Christmas Eve in 1818 pastor Joseph Franz Mohr walked 1.8 miles from his home in Oberndorf bei Salzburg to visit his friend Franz Xaver Gruber. In the neighboring town of Arnsdorf bei Laufen. He brought with him a poem he wrote two years prior and asked his friend to set his poem to music. It was Christmas Eve and midnight mass was fast approaching. Amazingly within a few hours Franz Gruber composed the "Stille Nacht" melody for guitar accompaniment. A few hours after Franz Gruber composed the music for Father Joseph Mohr's poem the two stood before the altar in the church of St. Nicholas in Oberndorf and performed "Stille Nacht" for the first time.

Since that time "Stille Nacht" which we know as Silent Night is sung the world over and is a treasured Christmas song. In Austria "Stille Nacht" is considered a national treasure. Traditionally the song may not be played publicly before Christmas Eve, and any commercial use of the 200 year old carol is verboten.

### *Silent Night*

Joseph Mohr

Franz Gruber, 1818



2. Silent night, holy night,  
Shepherds quake at the sight;  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!  
Christ the Savior is born,  
Christ the Savior is born!

3. Silent night, holy night,  
Son of God, love's pure light;  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.