



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.**



NO BINGO FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER.

UPCOMING NEWS AND EVENTS

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.

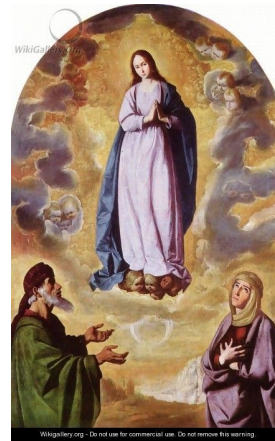


Beginning December 15th, we will start accepting Poinsettias for the Altar, in memory of loved ones. Just bring them to the Parish Office. Be sure you have written down the loved ones names.

Religious Education

Immaculate Conception

December 8



The Immaculate Conception is a Catholic dogma that states that Mary was conceived without original sin or its stain. That's what "Immaculate" means, without stain. Some people think it refers to Christ's conception in Mary's womb without the intervention of a human father; but that is the **Virgin Birth**. Some believe that it means Mary was conceived "by the power of the Holy Spirit" just as Jesus

was, but that too, is incorrect. The essence of original sin consists in the deprivation of sanctifying grace, and its stain is a corrupt nature. Mary was in state of sanctifying grace from the first moment of her existence.

The doctrine of the Immaculate Conception was officially defined by Pope Pius IX in 1854. Doctrines are defined formally only when there is a controversy that need to be cleared up or when the magisterium (church teacher) thinks the faithful can be helped by particular emphasis being drawn to some already-existing belief. The definition of the Immaculate Conception was prompted by the latter move. Pope Pius IX, who was highly devoted to the Blessed Virgin, hoped the definition would inspire others in their devotion to her. (Information is from Catholic Answers.com)



We have partnered with the Salvation Army to provide Christmas gifts for those who otherwise may not receive any. In the vestibule of the church are the Angel Trees, if you wish to give a gift, please take one of the cards and return your unwrapped gift to the office by December 17th. Be sure to include the lower portion of the card that states who the gift is for. Thank you!!