



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®

The K of C's 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 March 17, 2022 7PM
Masks are optional at meetings.



Art Kreger, Donald Fischer, Francis Mohr, Robert Chouinard, Duncan McKenzie, Mark Arcidiacono, Ed Jaca, Don Tholen, Jay Ackerman, Raymond Cox, Paul Haytas, Roy Hutchings, Bob Colton, Charles Caughlin Niels Rasmussen



Join us today after Mass for Social Hour and Fellowship! Lots of goodies to go with your coffee or tea.



BINGO this Sunday from 2-4pm in the Parish Hall. Doors open at 1:30

REMINDER: February & March the Knights will be asking for donations for **PENNIES FOR HEAVEN** to support seminary students at Mount Angel Seminary. We encourage you to contribute what you can toward this worthwhile cause.

Thank you for your generous support.



The Knights are collecting empty soda/beer cans and empty bottles of water as a fund raiser for their causes. If you would, please help out by bringing in your empty cans and water bottles to the parish office. This will be an on going collection to raise money. Thank you for your help.

UPCOMING NEWS AND EVENTS.

March 1st: Ash Wednesday for Halfway @ 2:00pm

March 2nd: ASH WEDNESDAY Masses are at 9:00am and 6:00pm in Cathedral, North Powder @ 11:30am

Religious Education



Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten season. It is a time of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Why do we receive ashes? Ashes are a symbol of penance made sacramental by the blessing of the Church, and they help us develop a spirit of humility and sacrifice.

The distribution of ashes on the first day of Lent is following the example of the Ninevites, who did penance in sackcloth and ashes, we are marked with ashes to humble our hearts and reminds us that life passes away on earth. We remember this when we are told – **“Remember, Man is dust, and unto dust you shall return.”**

The distribution of ashes comes from a ceremony of ages past. Christians who had committed grave faults performed public penance. On Ash Wednesday, the Bishop blessed the hair shirts which they were to wear during the forty days of penance and sprinkled over them ashes made from the palms of the previous year. Then, while the faithful recited the Seven Penitential Psalms, (6, 31, 37, 50, 129, 130, 142) the penitents were turned out of the church because of their – sins- just as Adam, the first man, was turned out of Paradise because of his disobedience. The penitents did not enter the church again until Maundy (Holy) Thursday after having won reconciliation by the toil of forty days' penance and sacramental absolution. Later, all Christians, whether public or secret penitents, came to receive ashes out of devotion.

It is important to remember that Ash Wednesday and Lent are a time of penitential prayer and fasting and of reflection. (catholic online)