



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 January 19, 2023 7PM in the Parish Hall



Happy birthday to these Knights born in January! Joe Hayes, Paul Bouchard, Jim Watt, Chuck Staten, Joe Brooks, Steve Bogart, Nelson Clarke, John Denne.



This Blessing is a centuries old tradition that you as a family can do on the feast of the Epiphany. The blessing has biblical roots tied to the Passover in the book

of Exodus 12:1-13. It takes place on the Epiphany marking the visitation of the Magi to the Christ Child and the revelation that Jesus is the son of God. This traditional home blessing will serve as a symbol of hope and a visible reminder of faith and will be a strong reminder of how important God is to us and what an important factor Jesus is in our daily lives. Traditionally the priest blesses chalk on the Feast of the Epiphany by saying the following prayer:

Bless, + O lord God, this creature, chalk, and let it be a help to mankind. Grant that those who will use it with faith in your most holy name, and with it inscribe on the doors of their homes the names of your saints, Casper, Melchior, and Baltassar, may through their merits and intercession enjoy health in body and protection of soul; through Christ our Lord.

Instructions and chalk will be available at the office and after Mass on the 31st and 1st.



Please join us downstairs for fellowship and delicious refreshments! This is a wonderful opportunity to visit with each other, and get to know other families.

Fellowship Hour Hosts:

January 1—Julie Thorstad & Sarah Kennedy

January 8—Al & Michele McCauley

January 15—Mike & Laurie Carnahan

****If you would like to help with social hour, please contact Laura Bates at 541-212-5792. Thanks!**

Religious Education



No RE classes January 1, 2023

Classes will resume on January 8, 2023

Have a Joyous New Year

Dawn, Ann and Lauren



In the 4th and 5th centuries debates about the nature of Christ raged in the Church. The debate was about the relationship of Christ's divine and human natures. At the center of this debate

was a title of Mary. Since at least the 3rd century, Christians had referred to Mary as theotokos, meaning "God-bearer." The first documented usage of the term is in the writings of Origen of Alexandria in AD 230. Related to theotokos, Mary was called the Mother of God.

Referring to Mary this way was popular in Christian piety, but the patriarch of Constantinople from 428-431, Nestorius, objected. He suggested that Mary was only the mother of Jesus' human nature, but not his divine nature. Nestorius' ideas (or at least how others perceived his arguments) were condemned at the Council of Ephesus in AD 431, and again at the Council of Chalcedon in AD 451. The Church decided that Christ was fully God and fully human, and these natures were united in one person, Jesus Christ. Thus Mary could be called "mother of God" since she gave birth to Jesus who was fully divine as well as human. Since this time, Mary has been frequently honored as the "mother of God" by Catholics, Orthodox, and many Protestants.

The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God falls exactly one week after Christmas, the end of the octave of Christmas. It is fitting to honor Mary as Mother of Jesus, following the birth of Christ. When Catholics celebrate the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God we are not only honoring Mary, who was chosen among all women throughout history to bear God incarnate, but we are also honoring our Lord, who is fully God and fully human. Calling Mary "mother of God" is the highest honor we can give Mary. Just as Christmas honors Jesus as the "Prince of Peace," the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God honors Mary as the "Queen of Peace" This solemnity, falling on New Year's Day, is also designated the World Day of Peace.

Thus Pope Paul VI highlighted the feast's celebration of both Mary and Jesus. He also noted the connection to New Year's Day and Mary's role as Queen of Peace. January 1st, the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God is also the observed "World Day of Peace."

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