



## 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, past Knights or men interested in becoming a Knight are encouraged to attend.

**Next meeting will be February 16, 2023**

**7PM in the Parish Hall**

**Deceased Knights upcoming Masses**

**February 3—Al Welter ~ March 3—Gerard Lafreniere**



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

### Support your Mother Church through the 2023 Cathedral Conservation Collection (CCC)

Thank you for your generosity in 2022 to the Cathedral Conservation Collection which brought in \$106,468 bringing us closer to funding the replacement of the front steps and sidewalks which will cost over \$1,000,000. We need your help.

Please consider supporting our Cathedral again this year through a second collection this weekend. Look for the yellow envelope located in the pews to make your contribution. Please make checks payable to St. Francis de Sales Cathedral.

*"It's the mother church of the diocese. . .  
it belongs to you!"*



**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 29—Matt & Brenda Reidy

Feb. 5 – Anthony & Alex Botello

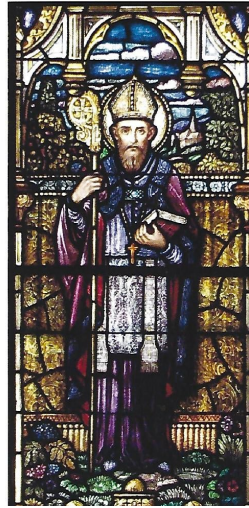
**Feb. 12 – Knights of Columbus Breakfast**

Feb. 19 – Kurt & Laura Gronbach

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

## Religious Education

Confirmation families: Please turn in your forms as soon as possible. If you need another packet, it can be obtained from the office.



Our church is named after St. Francis de Sales, just who is St. Francis de Sales. Francis was born to a noble family in Switzerland on August 21, 1567. He was both gentle and intelligent and from an early age he knew he had a vocation to the priesthood, however kept this from his family as they had different plans for him. He attended the University of Paris and received a doctorate in law at the University of Padua. He never lost his passion for God but kept quiet about his devotion.

God had plans for Francis and one day while Francis was riding God made his plan clear. Francis fell from his horse three times that day and every time he fell the sword came out of the scabbard and came to rest on the ground in the shape of a Christian cross.

After much discussion and disagreement from his father Francis was ordained to the priesthood and in 1593 was elected provost of the Diocese of Geneva. This was during the time of the Protestant reformation, and he decided he should lead an expedition to bring the 60,000 Calvinist back to the Catholic Church. For three years, in good weather and bad he trudged through the countryside and had doors slammed in his face and rocks thrown at him. In the winter his feet froze and bled as he tramped through the snow. As a result, he wrote little pamphlets to explain the Catholic doctrine and slipped them under the doors. It is believed that as a result he brought 40,000 people to the church. He forged wonderful alliances with Pope Clement VIII and heads of state. In 1602 he was ordained Bishop of Geneva. In 1608 he wrote his famous book "INTRODUCTION TO THE DEVOUT LIFE. It became an instant success all over Europe though some clergy rejected the notion that lay men and women could achieve holiness in the experience of their daily life. Some tore it up because Francis encouraged dancing and jokes!

In 1610 he founded the Order of Visitation. He laid the groundwork for the teaching of the Second Vatican Council on what is now called the universal call to holiness. He believed the worst sin was to judge someone or to gossip about them. He died on December 28, 1622. St. Francis was beatified on January 8, 1661, and canonized on April 19, 1665, by Pope Alexander VII. In 1923 Pope Pius XI named him the patron saint of Catholic writers and the Catholic press. He is also the patron saint of the deaf, journalists, adult education and the Sisters of St. Joseph. His feast day is celebrated on January 24.

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*O Sacrament most Holy!*

*O Sacrament Divine!*

*All praise and all thanksgiving,  
be every moment Thine!*