



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®

The K of C's will meet the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Rectory All Knights, past Knights or men interested in becoming a Knight are encouraged to attend.

Next meeting will be November 16, 2023

7PM in the Rectory

Deceased Knights upcoming Masses

November 3—Troy Stewart ~ December 1—Leo Haw



Happy birthday to these Knights born in October! Anton Williamson, Rev. Andrew B Colvin, Billy Cunningham, Roger Coles, Mike Phillips, Scott Slinker.



9 Week Reflection Series

Eucharistic Love

Tuesdays – Oct 3 thru Nov 28
10-11 a.m. meeting in the rectory
Wednesdays – Oct 4 thru Nov 29
7-8 pm online meeting using Zoom

- ◆ Meetings are 1 hour long and include prayer, spiritual reading, and faith-sharing.
- ◆ Meetings are led by the Holy Spirit
- ◆ The purpose of the meeting is to become aware of my weaknesses and the truth of being loved by God, **to respond to the desire to deepen my faith**, to be open to others my brothers, and sisters in the group, **and to share** different experiences of my faith and how God is present in my life.
- ◆ **Materials will be provided. Let us know if you're interested so we can be prepared!**
- ◆ **For more information and to express your interest, please call/text Michelle Curtis @ 541-403-4004 or contact the**



ALL SAINTS DAY NOVEMBER 1, ALL SOULS DAY NOVEMBER 2. On October 29th we will set out a "Book of Remembrance" please enter names of the deceased you would like prayed for during the month of November. On All Souls Day Father will be at Mt. Hope cemetery for blessings of the graves. If you have a loved one whose grave, you would

like blessed please meet at the cross for the "Unborn Child". Following the 9am morning mass.



Music Practice will not be held on October 31, 2023. It will continue again on November 7, 2023.

Religious Education

Religious Education classes are in full swing. The youth group (grades 7 to 12) is getting started under the direction of Ben Norton. The 1st Communion class is preparing for Reconciliation, with Beth Dechant and Anna Swart. 3rd and 4th grade are being led by Jill Myatt and Brenda Orszulak is doing the pre-confirmation class. Thank you for volunteering to prepare our youth to grow in their faith. Thank you to Stephanie Johnson, Gail Combs, Betty Hillman for signing up to be substitutes.

Please take time to pray as a family by sitting down together and saying a prayer and talking to your children about their Faith.

Volunteers are always needed so if you would like to participate in the Religious Education program please contact the office.

Halloween

Where did Halloween come from and what does it mean? The word Hallow means to honor as holy and Halloween originally was a holy eve prior to All Saints Day.

Halloween, contraction of All Hallows' Eve, a holiday observed on October 31, the evening before All Saints (or All Hallows') Day. The celebration marks the day before the Western Christian feast of All Saints and initiates the season of Allhallowtide, which lasts three days and concludes with All Souls' Day. In much of Europe and most of North America, observance of Halloween is largely nonreligious and has become one of the principal U.S. holidays.

Halloween had its origins in the festival of Samhain among the Celts of ancient Britain and Ireland. During the Samhain festival the souls of those who had died were believed to return to visit their homes, people set bonfires on hill tops for relighting their hearth fires for the winter and to frighten away evil spirits. They sometimes wore masks and other disguises to avoid being recognized by the ghosts thought to be present. This is where Halloween costumes originated. Trick or treating is believed to come from the British practice of allowing the poor to beg for food, called "soul cakes".

In the 7th century Pope Boniface IV established All Saints' Day on May 13 and the following century it was moved to November 1. By the end of the Middle Ages the secular and sacred days had merged. The Reformation essentially put an end to the religious holiday among protestants, although it continued to be celebrated as a secular holiday. Halloween was largely forbidden among the early American colonists. In the 1800s festivals began that marked the harvest and incorporated elements of Halloween. When large numbers of immigrants including the Irish, came to the United States in the mid-19th century, they brought their Halloween customs with them.

Rejoice in Hope

The Diocese of Baker and Our Lady of Valley, LaGrande
Invite all 9th-12th graders to the
High School Leadership Fall Retreat
Nov 11-12, 2023
Register at the DioceseofBaker.org