

The K of C's will meet the 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.

NOTE NEW MEETING TIME!!!

Knight's Next Meeting—December 19—6:00 PM

**Deceased Knights upcoming Masses** 



Happy birthday to these Knights born in December! Reno Hammond, Vade Keithley, Duncan Mackenzie, Alan McCauley, Joe Shaffer, Mike Skidmore,

Mike Upmeyer, JR, Secundino JR Vela



St. Francis de Sales Parish Directory

2017 was the last time we printed a Parish Directory, seven years ago. A lot has changed, so time for a new

directory. Caleb Colton has volunteered to take pictures for the new directory. Pictures will be done on December 21<sup>st</sup> from noon to 5pm. Please contact the office to schedule a time. If you have a picture you would like to use please bring it to the office. Thank you.



Catholic Daughters of St. Francis de Sales Cathedral will not be meeting in November or December due to the holidays. Meetings will resume in January, 2025. There will <u>not</u> be any evening adoration on December 20th.



A Christmas Caroling group is being created by Sharon Trimble to carol at Meadowbrook Place and Ashley Manor on Friday, December 20, 2024 at 2:00 PM. If you are interested in joining or need more information, please contact Sharon at 541-755-5028.



The third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday – Gaudete is Latin for "rejoice". Time to rejoice as the Christ Child is near. Philippians 4:4-5 "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to

everyone. The Lord is at hand.

## **Religious Education**

Today is the last class until January 5<sup>th</sup> when classes resume. If your child is preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation please provide a copy of their baptismal certificate no later than March 16<sup>th</sup>.



Christmas is just around the corner and Advent if the time for us to prepare for the coming of the Christ Child. As we are busy with shopping and

decorating, we need to remind ourselves that Christmas is about the coming of the Christ Child.

As we set up our Nativity and remind ourselves of the meaning of Christmas it is a good time to gather around the Christmas manger and bless it as a family. (This can be done by a parent of other family member).

## Blessing of the Christmas Manger

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Response: Who made heaven and earth.

Read Luke: 2:1-8

**Reader:** The gospel of the Lord

**Response:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Join hands and pray the following:

God of every nation and people, from the very beginning of creation you have made manifest your love: when our need for a Savior was great you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary. To our lives he brings joy and peace, justice, mercy, and love.

Lord, bless all who look upon this manger; may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus, and raise our thoughts to him, who is Godwith-us and Savior of all, and who lives and reigns forever and ever.



On December 29, 2024, the Feast of the Holy Family at the 9:30 AM Mass, Bishop Cary will formally open the Year of Jubilee in the Diocese of Baker. All the faithful of the Diocese of Baker are invited to

attend. Following the opening of the Year of Jubilee, the Cathedral of St. Francis de Sales will become the local pilgrimage site for the Diocese of Baker. The theme for 2025 is "Pilgrims of Hope". The year is intended to be a time of hope in the face of war, climate change, and the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.



## **Coffee Hour Schedule**

Dec 22—Mary Ellen Daugherty & Julee Hicks
Dec 29—Billy & Marci Cunningham
Jan 5—The Cunninghams & Robertsons

## **Church Greeters Schedule**

Dec 22—The Swarts & The DeChants Dec 29—Matt & Gail Armstrong Jan 5—Joe & June Hayes

