

The K of C's will meet the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall All Knights, past Knights or men interested in becoming a Knight are encouraged to attend.

### Knight's Next Meeting—March 20—6:00 PM

Deceased Knights upcoming Masses

March 6—Matt Reidy

April 3—Eugene Robertson



Happy birthday to these Knights born in February! John Ackerman, Mark Arcidiacono, Charles Caughlin, Robert Chouinard, Robert Colton, Ray Cox, Don Fischer, Paul Haytas, Roy

Hutchings, Ed Jaca, Art Kreger, Duncan Mackenzie, Francis Mohr, Niels Rasmussen, Don Tholen



#### **DAUGHTERS OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES**

The Catholic women meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month at 6:00pm in the parish hall. All women young or old are welcome.

NEXT MEETING IS FEBRUARY 27 AT 6:00PM

ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH ARE INVITED AND ENCOURAGED TO

ATTEND.

## "Encountering Jesus Through Payer".



Come learn several types of prayer to enhance your fellowship with God.

St. Thèrése Of Lisieux Catholic Church, Halfway presents a day focused on prayer with Amanda Villagomez, April 5, 2025, 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM Amanda is an associate professor in the College of Education Eastern Oregon University. She is the creator of "Endure in Hope," a Christ centered growth and healing resource and author of "Do the Next Thing: Stepping Forward in Faith."

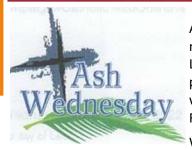
For more information visit: https://www.sttheresehalfway.org/events-saint-therese

# **Religious Education**



It is that time of year when graduating Seniors are looking towards the future and what it holds. Each year the Baker City Council of the Knights of Columbus offer a scholarship to assist

Roman Catholic students in furthering their education. Applications for the Knight's scholarship can be picked up at this parish office. The cut off date is May 15, 2025.



Ash Wednesday is March 5<sup>th</sup> and 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)



### **Coffee Hour Schedule**

Feb 23—Steve & Connie Bogart Mar 2—Al & Michele McCauley Mar 9—Knight's Breakfast

### **Church Greeters Schedule**

Feb 23—The Ben Norton Family Mar 2—Joe & June Hayes Mar 9—the Keller Family

