



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®

The KofC'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 October 15, 2020 7PM—
Masks and Social Distancing Required.**

Knights Council 849 would like to again recognize our 2020 scholarship recipients and wish them our best as they embark on the next chapter of their lives.

We challenge Shane Cunningham, Sean Fuzi, Henry Hoelsher, John Hurley, Sam McCauley, Estefinia Ochoa, and Lucas Stearns to be the best they can be. Please know that our prayers are with you on this new journey.



We're still in need of Altar Servers. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office.

BISHOP'S 2020 ANNUAL APPEAL

This year the theme is Faith and Family. We are called to see Mary, Joseph and Jesus waiting at the door, to welcome us into the life of their home. Due to the pandemic, Bishop Cary has made many changes to cut cost and adjust for this late start.

The overall Appeal participation goal is 20% and the supporting financial target is \$412,750. For our Parish the participation goal is 20% with a supporting target of \$10,007.00, Halfway-St. Therese: \$1084.00, North Powder-St. Anthony: \$885.00.

For more information, please visit the diocesan website: dioceseofbaker.org.



THE FOOD BANK IS OPEN!

**MW&F, 10-12 NOON. WE'RE ALSO ASKING
FOR FOOD DONATIONS TO HELP
REPLENISH OUR FOOD PANTRY. THANK
YOU !**

WHY DO CATHOLICS BLESS THEMSELVES WITH HOLY WATER WHEN ENTERING A CHURCH?



Making the Sign of the Cross and blessing ourselves with Holy Water when we enter the church is a reminder of our Baptism. Just as gestation of our first birth took place in water, so the water of Baptism truly signifies that our birth into

the divine life is given to us in the Holy Spirit. (CCC 694)

In addition to being a reminder of the rebirth experienced at Baptism, holy water fonts also provide a practical function that helps transition from the secular world into the House of God.

"Even in ancient non-Christian religions (including Judaism), ritual ablutions (washings) were frequently an initial step in formal worship. And so, when the first Christian houses of worship were built, the atrium that formed a kind of transition space between the outside, public arena, and the church proper, where the liturgy was celebrated, often contained a large fountain. Worshipers would stop at the fountain and bathe their hands and feet (shoes were not as common in ancient times as they are now, at least in the warmer climate) before entering the sacred space." (Father John Bartunek)

While not currently used in that same way, holy water fonts still provide a reminder that before we can enter the "Wedding Feast of the Lamb," we must wash ourselves and put on the "wedding garment" to be admitted to the table.

Even though our fonts are empty during this pandemic it is important that we make the sign of the cross as we enter the church. It is itself a powerful prayer that is meant to pour out tremendous blessings on our lives.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES:



Due to COVID-19, we will be unable to hold in-person classes for religious education. To help you as parents instruct your children in their Faith, we are offering a program "A Family of Faith" that can be done at home as a family.

For those of you who have children who are preparing for First Communion or Confirmation, we will provide you with the necessary materials to prepare them to receive the Sacraments, Jill Myatt and Mary Catherine Monahan will provide the necessary support for the sacramental preparations. Any questions, please contact the Parish office.