



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 September 17, 2020
7PM—Masks and Social Distancing
Required.**

BISHOP LIAM CARY

STATEMENT ON FACE MASKS AT MASS

* Please visit the diocesan website: dioceseofbaker.org for the complete letter from Bishop Cary.

In the diocese of Baker the recommendations of the expert working group have informed my instructions to our priests form the re-opening of Masses in mid May to the present.

- "Priests and extraordinary ministers may not wear masks or face coverings when distributing Holy Communion" (Decree, 11 May)
- "All ministers of Holy Communion must sanitize their hand immediately after receiving Holy Communion themselves and prior to distributing Holy Communion to the faithful" (Decree, 11 May)
- "Holy Communion in the hand is strongly encourage" (11 May), but in discussions with priests I have made it clear that reception on the tongue is not to be denied.
- "Please advise your parishioners of [Governor Brown's order of 29 June requiring face coverings in public places] and continue our practice of encouraging them to wear masks" (Memo to priests, 30 June)
- "Those who are reluctant to [wear masks] we should treat with patience and kindness; no one should be turned away from church. As previously stated, priest are not to wear a mask while celebrating Mass" (30 June).

As is well known, people choose not to wear a mask for many reasons; psychological (memories of traumatic experiences); medical (bad physical effects); and conscientious (First Amendment). Who can tell why a face is uncovered? Woe to us if we reach the point of demanding an answer as the price of admission to the House of Prayer.

Religious Education



FAITH IN ACTION Essay contest, sponsored by the Knight's of Columbus. Who can enter: All youth 8th through 12th grade. In 500 – 750 words, discuss how trusting in God during a difficult time has helped you or someone you know find the strength and hope to endure it. For further information please contact the Parish Office.



You are invited to join in a Night of Prayer and Adoration on the 2nd Friday of each month from 6pm to 7pm. There will be recitation of the Rosary and Adoration. We will begin on Friday, September 11th in the Cathedral.

BISHOP'S 2020 ANNUAL APPEAL

The 2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal begins this week. 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. Many important diocesan and parish programs that help thousands in our diocese every year are made possible by your generosity such as tuition for seminarians, clergy formation, workshops for parish catechists, diocesan-wide youth retreats, as well as assistance to our Catholic Schools. This week registered families will receive an Appeal packet from Bishop Cary with more information. Holy Cards, Prayer Intention Cards and Pledge envelopes will be available at all exits next weekend, September 5-6th. For more information, please visit the diocesan website: dioceseofbaker.org.