

St. Francis Altar Society

Chrism Mass is this Thursday, March 17th. If you would like to help Judy Schroeder with this event please call her at 541-406-8018 or Jody at 541-519-0162.

Please join us at the reception after the Chris Mass to visit with all the Priests and wish Fr. Julian well.

Bishop Liam Cary will be here from March 16th through March 27th (Easter, If you would like to provide a meal or invite him and Fr. Greiner over for dinner please call the office at 541 523-4521 to sign up.

Knights of Columbus

KOC Meeting Changed!

Wednesday, March 16th will be the Monthly General Meeting for the Knights of Columbus Council as the Chrism Mass is on Thursday March 17th. Since St. Patrick's Day is the next day, our Council Lector says corned beef and cabbage will be the featured treat following the meeting.

Annual Chili Feed & Silent Auction—April 16th

Besides some excellent 'house chili' PLUS those entered in the 'tasting contest', this event will also feature a Silent Auction. We welcome all new and/or "gently-used" items. So look around the home, garage, ranch buildings for items you no longer use or want.

As last year, there will be special tables for Christmas items, you no longer intend to use. Mark your calendar, check your chili recipe, look for silent auction items.

PLAN TO ATTEND !!

40 Cans for Lent Food Drive

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a "40 Cans For Lent" program again Lenten season. So far we have collected 125# for our food bank. We are all encouraged to contribute 1 can of food per day to our Parish Food Bank. Please help us meet this goal. Boxes are available in front of the church.

**Spots are still available for the 40 Hour Devotion.
Please sign-up in the back of the church for this wonderful event.**

MARRIED COUPLES

Are we also like Peter and deny Christ over and over? Christ calls us to be all we can in our Marriage Sacrament. The next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Week-ends** are April 29th - May 1st at Powell Butte Retreat Center near Bend, Oregon, and May 27th - 29th at Our Lady of Peace Retreat Center in Beaverton, Oregon. For more information call 503-853-2758 or apply on-line at www.rediscoverthepark.org. Additional dates and locations are listed on-line.

Religious Education

A BIG HUGE THANK YOU to the Junior Youth Group and their leaders who did a great job on the Stations of the Cross.

**Angelina Sarmienta Jocelyn Wellman John Hurley
Zachary Sandberg Sam McCauley Reily Flanagan
Yessenia Sarmienta Luke Stearns Sean Fuzi**

Leaders

Annie Fale Andrea Stone

Care for Creation

God created every plant, every mountaintop, every animal — everything. And God said that these things are good. We find God in these good things he made, and so we must take care of creation, both for ourselves and for all of our human family.

- ◆ Isaiah draws our attention to God at work in the natural environment. "See, I am doing something new! Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?"

Where do we encounter God in creation?

- ◆ "Jesus says, "You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me." Indeed, we now encounter Christ in the cry of the poor, and the cry of the earth.

Do we recognize the suffering Christ in the poor, in the earth? How do we respond?

- ◆ This week, CRS Rice Bowl features a woman from Madagascar whose crops were destroyed in a recent storm. As a farmer, she needed seeds to get her family back on their feet.

Do we listen to the needs of others, or do we impose our own assumptions?

**RE Class on Wednesday, March 16th,
7 to 8 p.m.**

"The Year of Mercy is an invitation—an invitation to love, kindness, and unbounded generosity. Pope Francis is offering you the opportunity to encounter the incredible mercy of God. Encountering mercy means encountering God." (<http://dynamiccatholic.com/year-of-mercy/>)"

Please plan to join the women of the Cathedral parish and Bishop Liam Cary **NEXT Saturday, March 19th** for Reflections on the Year of Mercy, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. A light lunch will be served at the conclusion of the retreat. Call or email Tay Mohr to register: 541-523-6245 or thayermohr5@gmail.com

Easter Egg Hunt

We need items for our Easter Egg Hunt after Mass on Easter Sunday. If you would like to donate wrapped candy, money or small toys, a container will be placed at the back of the church for collection.

