



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. If you have any questions or concerns please contact our Grand Knight Sam Raabe at 541-523-0299 or Financial Secretary Hal Huntington at 541-523-2114.

**The next Meeting will be Thursday,
May 17, 2018.**



**Sundays 2—4. Please bring a
donation for the food bank.**

Religious Education



*Thank you Colbi Bachman, Kate Norton and Vaneza
Rodrigues-Duran for helping us crown Blessed Mother
Mary. You all are beautiful!*



Why is May Mary's month?

Here's a brief
explanation.

For centuries,
the Catholic
Church has set
aside the entire
month of Mary to
honor Mary,
Mother of God. Not

just a day *in* May, mind you, but the entire month.

The custom spans both centuries and cultures, with roots going back as far as the Ancient Greeks. In early Greece, May was dedicated to Artemis, the goddess of fecundity.

In Ancient Rome, May was dedicated to Flora, the goddess of blooms, or blossoms. They celebrated *ludi florals*, or floral games, at the end of April and asked the intercession of Flora for all that blooms. In medieval times, similar customs abounded, all centering around the practice of expelling winter, as May 1 was considered the start of new growth.

During this period, the tradition of *Tricesimum*, or "Thirty-Day Devotion to Mary," came into being. Also called, "Lady Month," the event was held from August 15-September 14 and is still observed in some areas.

The idea of a month dedicated specifically to Mary can be traced back to baroque times. Although it wasn't always held during May, Mary Month included thirty daily spiritual exercises honoring Mary. It was in this era that Mary's Month and May were combined, making May the Month of Mary with special devotions organized on each day throughout the month. This custom became especially widespread during the nineteenth century and remains in practice until today. The ways Mary is honored in May is as varied as the people who honor her.

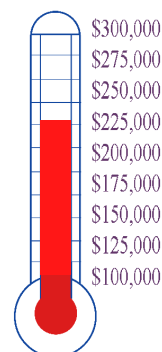
It's common for parishes have a daily recitation of the Rosary during May, and many erect a special May altar with a statue or picture of Mary as a reminder of Mary's month. Additionally, it's a long-standing tradition to crown the statue of Mary during May – a custom known as May Crowning. Often, the crown is made of beautiful blossoms representing Mary's beauty and virtue. It's also a reminder to the faithful to strive to imitate our Blessed Mother's virtue in our own lives. May Crowning, in some areas, is a huge celebration and is usually done outside of Mass, although Mass may be celebrated before or after the actual crowning.

But May altars and crownings aren't just "church" things. We can and should be doing the same in our homes. When we echo the customs and traditions of the Church in our homes – our domestic churches – we participate more fully in the life of the Church.

*Excerpt of article by Marge Fenelon for the National
Catholic Register.*

The Knights
**MOTHER'S
DAY**
Breakfast
May 13, 2018

RAISE THE ROOF FUNDRAISER



\$226,514 total raised

Altar Society News

May Duties

Funeral Dinners—6; Albs—7

Coffee Hour—9: No Duty—10

Thank you to all our volunteers who helped with
the Cathy Berka Funeral. You are all greatly
appreciated.

Please join us after Mass today for coffee and
donuts.

If you can give some of your time to
assist Fr. Paul in learning to drive, please call
Dawn at the office. He is making progress but
needs more experience.

If you would like to invite Fr. Paul over
for a meal, please call the office to set up a
time. He is learning to cook so a home-cooked
meal would be appreciated.

*Parishioner John Haytas has asked me to let the
congregation know that his home is for sale. It is a 1800
square foot 3 bedroom, 2 bath (with Jacuzzi) and cathedral
ceilings. The address is 44292 Fuzzy Mullion Road off Hunt
Mtn. Road. They are asking \$335,000 and will be available
June 1, 2018. For more information contact Paul Haytas at
(541) 524-9597. John is in Wildflower Lodge, 508 16th St.,
La Grande, OR Room #14.*