

7115 Knight Line

The month of January we celebrate the Holy Family. January 1st is the Solemnity of the Virgin Mary and on January 6, we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, commemorating the magi's visit to the baby Jesus.

The church Proclaims the “**Year of St. Joseph**”, from **December 8th 2020 to the 8th of December 2021**. Pope Francis describes St. Joseph “as a beloved, tender and obedient father.

January 6th is the feast day of St. John Neumann, the first US bishop to be canonized. St. Neuman was devoted to education and founded the first Catholic diocesan school system in the US.

Knight of the Month for December: Curt Vyncke; Curt is our Financial Secretary and a key contributor to our Council. As Financial Secretary, Curt donates significant hours to ensure our council is compliant with the Supreme Office, completing forms in a timely manner and administering all necessary reports. Curt also volunteers for many projects, including the golf outing, Coats for Kids and helping on various OLL work projects. Curt also led the effort to finally get a credit card reader for our council, leading to significant donations that we likely would not have received in the past. Curt is a valuable member of our council and being named Knight of the Month for January is small recognition for all his efforts.

Family of the 2nd Quarter, we recognize the Castle's. Wally and his wife Sandy have been active in helping both the Knights of Columbus and our two parishes. Wally serves as our council Liaison to St. Francis DeSales, working with the office staff to ensure we are promoting our events and offering parish support where we can help. In November, Wally and Sandy helped solicit donations in support of our Coats for Kids fundraiser at St. Francis. Sandy is also a volunteer, praying each week before our blessed Lord during Adoration. We thank them both for their faith and support of our Council.

Knights of Columbus Website – www.kofc7115.org. Please visit often as content is regularly updated.

OLL: LANE - What is Man? Class begins January 11th

OLL: Adoration – Every Thursday & first Friday Adoration – Thursday Adoration from 3:00pm – 9:00pm each week; first Fridays from 9:00am – 9pm. If available, please sign up to pray at www.oll.org/adoration.

St. Francis: December: Formed.org - Catholic resource for books and videos. Please utilize the bulletin to access this free gateway to learn more.

St. Francis – Alpha Update, Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designated to create conversation. The next program is scheduled to run on-line January – April 2021.

Mass Commemorating the Anniversary of Roe vs Wade will be held **January 22nd 7:00 pm at the Cathedral of St. Andrew's** as the church observes a day of prayer for the Legal protection of the unborn.

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Knights Project Updates:

- **Keep Christ in Christmas** – 1st annual Kids poster drive
- **OLL Christmas Decorations at OLL** – We have been asked to help remove and store the Christmas decorations an evening between January 11th & 15th. Please let me know if you can help once we determine which day will work best with the church staff and the Knights.
- **Lenten Dinner Friday Fish Fry** – will discuss during “new” business

Giving & Volunteering Opportunity's: Please note that there are many giving opportunity's here during this pandemic. Information can be found at oll.org, stfrancisholland.org, or grdiocese.org.

1. **Spiritual care for parishioners who are in hospitals, nursing homes, and other institutions.** Please contact Pat Whitaker at OLL at 616-399-1062 ext. 203 or parishnurse@oll.org for details.

2. **St. Vincent de Paul Center** is currently looking for donation and volunteers. Please contact Tom Eggleston at teggleston@stfrancisholland.org.

3. **Good Samaritan Ministries** are looking for volunteers, to learn more go to www.goodsamministries.com/get-involved/volunteer.

Special prayers: Bill Snowdin's daughter Megan, Eugene Dagen and Family, Joe White's brother-in-law Mark and Nephew Lee, Greg's niece Paula, Ted Mullally, Dave Strazanac, Mark Gee, Richard Swanson, Dan Stockdale, Doug Flamboe, Andy Goodrow, Emily & Pat Kovach and all council members and their families. Please keep them in your prayers.

Grand Knight: Gerry Kneeshaw: gkneeshaw@gmail.com