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Can You Pray for Vocations for Just One Hour?



Brother Knights, Father Jim Lee has requested that the Knights of Columbus pray for religious vocations. Saturday & Sunday AM hours of 1AM, 2AM, or 3AM on January 1st, 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th are designated as our Knights of Columbus hours.

Please call Mona Bishop at St Mike's office (360) 292-7141 or email mbishop@saintmichaelparish.org to schedule an appointment. If you do not feel comfortable coming to the Adoration Chapel, please consider praying at home.

Thank you and God bless you and your family.

Please Keep in Your Prayers

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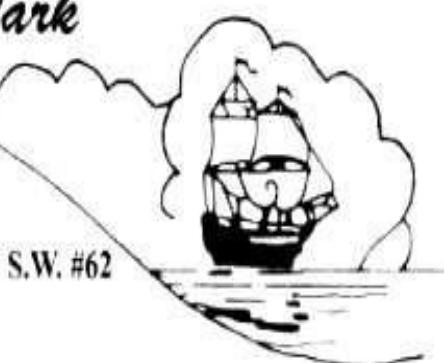
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KNIGHTS BEFORE CHRISTMAS – A BIG THANK YOU!

Our council held our annual Knights before Christmas Tree Delivery on Saturday, December 13th, 2025. We helped 25 families from around Thurston County that may not have had a Christmas without the Knights' help. Everything was carefully packaged with care including the tree, the decorations, and the lights for the families at St. Michael, Sacred Heart, and St George, so that the Knights could deliver these items without delay.

Thank you to Schilter Farms and Hunter Farms for donating the trees and to the parish contacts who organized our delivery list. Also, appreciations to the Knights who delivered the Trees and the Knights spouse who shopped and organized the decorations and made tree skirts. A special thanks to everyone who help made this program a success again this year.



Drexel House Italian Spaghetti Dinner Given By Council December 17

Another Drexel House Free Dinner was given by the Council on December 17, 2025. Over 60 Drexel House dwellers enjoyed a wonderful Italian Spaghetti Dinner provided by Council members.

Drexel House is a homeless shelter that has an 83% return rate to normal community life. **This return rate may be the most successful in the nation.**

Thank you all who donated and served at this wonderful community supportive event.

There was a black-out going since 3 a.m. in the area



Br. George Burazer

Servers: Br. Alex Wetzel, Mrs. Sandra Boudreaux (Br. John Zyrkowski's Sister) and Br. John Zyrkowski.

Italian Spaghetti and Sausage was the theme. Nancy and Br. John Zyrkowski provided spaghetti. Dan Miller provided meat balls. Br. Ed Harrison, Dr. Olwell, Br. Joseph Maasen provided Italian sausage. Br. Ted Trepanier provided salad. Br. Manuel Bravo provided Garlic Bread and provided desserts. Br. George Burazer provided special Christmas pastries. Br. John and Nancy Zyrkowski provided drinks.

COUNCIL-ASSEMBLY CHRISTMAS PARTY ON DECEMBER 18

About 50 members and soldiers from Fort Lewis-McCord had a very nice pot luck dinner and Christmas Party at Columbian Hall on Thursday, December 18th. The Soldiers and Airmen from JBLM and Camp Murray with their families participated as our guests and were presented with surprise Christmas checks courtesy of the Knights of Columbus. The following pictures were taken at the event.



We shared our food and sang Christmas Carols. Then the Soldier families received the Christmas Checks.



And enjoyed each other's Merry company.

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Thu 8 Council Social, Rosary, & Business Meeting
Sun 11 Donut Sales After the Sacred Heart masses
Thu 15 4th Degree Officers Meeting
Sun 25 Donut Sales After the St. Mikes masses
Thu 29 4th Degree Assembly Social, Rosary & Meeting

February, 2026

Mon 2 Council Officer's Meeting 6-7:15
Thu 5 Council Social, Rosary, & Business Meeting
Thu 12 4th Degree Officers Meeting
Wed 18 ASH Wednesday
Sat 21 Canned Food Drive
Sun 22 Donut Sales After the St. Mikes masses
Wed 25 Drexel House Dinner
Thu 26 4th Degree Assembly Social, Rosary & Meeting
Fri 27 Columbian Hall Board Fish Fry - Dinner at 6PM

For up-to-date event information, please visit our website at

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