

The Good Knight

*"In Service to One,
In Service to All"*



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Happy New Year! The month begins with the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord on January 4. The word *epiphany* is derived from a Greek word meaning 'appearance' or 'manifestation'. Epiphany – and not Christmas Day – is the high point of the Christmas season, which ends with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on January 11.

As the Christmas season closes and we move into Ordinary Time (the time in between liturgical seasons), there may be a sense of melancholy as we 'box' the Christmas decorations for another year. However, if we focus on the liturgical calendar and not the secular one, we recognize Epiphany as a 'bridge' to the rest of the year.

At Epiphany, we remember the three Magi who brought gifts to their newborn King. Not wishing to return home through the peril of Herod's territory, they took a new route. Like the Wisemen, our celebration of Christmas should prompt us to find a new path ... to adopt a new way of life, carrying forward, into the 'ordinariness' of our lives, the peace and goodwill that characterize Christmas.

Thank you for reading *The Good Knight*.

Louis Kloster, Editor

Knights of Columbus Annual Dues

Please note that it is time for Knights to pay their annual dues,

- by e-Transfer to council13064@gmail.com, or
- by cheque payable to K of C Beaumont Council 13064 and mailed to Bro. Paul Weisenberger at: 4816 - 58 St., Beaumont, AB T4X 1C2.

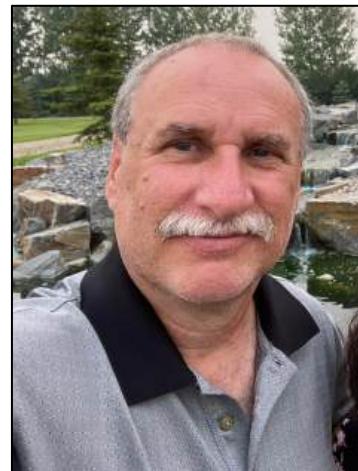
Important Dates

January 2026

1	Feast of Mary, the Mother of God
4	Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord COR gathering (See details on page 4.)
11	Feast of the Baptism of the Lord
14	Knights of Columbus Executive Meeting @ 7 p.m.
18	Knights of Columbus pancake breakfast
21	Knights of Columbus General Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.
18 – 25	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
31	Feast of St. John Bosco (Saint of the Month)



Knight of the Month



Our Knight of the Month for December was Bro. Sid Eriavaz. Bro. Sid is an extremely active member in our council and our parish. He coordinates the maintenance of the church properties, which includes the team of volunteers that clears snow during the winter. Presently, he schedules all the liturgical ministers for the 5 p.m. Mass and serves as an MC.

As treasurer of our council, Sid plays a key role. His involvement in all council activities is extraordinary and includes helping with the annual ditch clean-up, setting up of the Nativity scene, and coordinating parking attendants for the annual Rural Routes Fair in August. The schedules for the sale of grocery gift cards and the volunteers for monthly pancake breakfasts are all tasks he has assumed. In addition to all that, Sid regularly attends Cor meetings. Thank you, Bro. Sid. What would we do without you?!

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The Ten Commandments

The Ten Commandments, also known as the Decalogue, are significant in the moral life of a Christian. This year, The Good Knight will explore each one. The Fifth Commandment is:

Thou shalt not kill.

This commandment addresses our belief in the sacredness of life from conception to natural death, and the love that sustains and cares for it. It has moral implications for many life issues including murder, euthanasia, war, terrorism, abortion, and capital punishment. Very early in our Sacred Scriptures, we find the account of Abel's murder by his brother Cain (Gen. 4: 1 – 12).



At first glance, we might be quick to deny any breakage of this commandment. However, the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) clearly states that this fifth directive applies whenever we feel anger or hatred to another person, or when we show disrespect for the dignity of persons. Scripture tells us: "All who hate a brother or sister are murderers, and you know that murderers do not have eternal life abiding in them" (1 John 3: 15). Likewise, seeking revenge or wishing evil upon another are sins against this commandment. We are guilty of scandal when our attitudes or behaviors lead others into sin.

Since our lives and our physical health are gifts from God, we must avoid every kind of abuse to our bodies, such as the misuse of drugs or excessive use of food, alcohol, and tobacco (CCC #2290-91). Drunk or reckless driving places lives at risk and is, therefore, an offense. According to this commandment, we are to respect both our physical and spiritual health ... and that of others. And, in a world where violence – at home or abroad – seems to be rampant, we are to promote peace: Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God" (Matt. 5: 9). The only safeguard against the breaking of this commandment is *love*, which urges us to be unceasingly and boldly pro-life.

The Church makes clear some exceptions. It recognizes the need to kill someone if one does so in self-defense or in the legitimate defense of others for whom they are responsible. It acknowledges the notion of a just war, but under very specific conditions.

Word of the Month

In order to communicate our faith to others, we need to develop a certain vocabulary ... a faith vocabulary. Each month we will dissect and investigate one faith-related word.

Magisterium

This is the name given to the official teaching authority of the Church. Its task is to interpret and preserve, transmit and teach the truths of the Church revealed in both the Scriptures and Tradition. This unchanging treasure of divine truths is known as the Deposit of Faith. (Most Protestant Churches believe in *sola scriptura*, which means that they believe the truths of faith are found 'only in scripture'.)

Birthdays in January

We send our greetings to the following Knights who are celebrating birthdays this month:

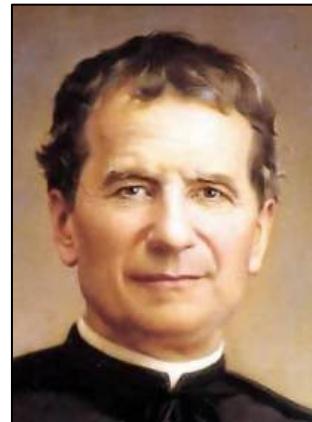
- January 6
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- Pierce Hendriks
- Chris Oster
- Thomas Oster
- Maurice Amyotte
- Jordan Robinson
- Lubo Urda
- Romeo Goudreau
- Gerald Berube
- Florent Duguay
- Sid Eriavaz
- Wilbur Collin
- Roger Lavigne



Saint of the Month: St. John Bosco

John Bosco was born in Italy in 1815. His father died when John was two years old and, when he was old enough, John did odd jobs to make some extra money for his family. He practiced gymnastics and magic tricks to entertain townspeople for money. At the end of each performance, while he still had an audience, John would repeat the homily that he had heard at church.



John demonstrated a strong work ethic and great intelligence, and he was determined to become a priest. The clergy at that time were very preoccupied with their other duties, and few found the time to counsel, support, and teach John. John's formal education did not start until he was in his mid-teens, and he vowed to dedicate his life to teaching youth and giving them the attention they needed.

God spoke to John in many dreams, and many of these dreams came true. Indeed, John excelled in his studies and became a priest and a teacher. He established some schools – which he called oratories – for young boys that were living on the streets. He provided them with food and shelter, education and work. Most importantly, he catechized them, taught them to live faithful lives, and offered them love and acceptance.

John Bosco founded his own order of teaching priests, the Salesians, named after St. Francis de Sales. Salesian schools are now found all around the world. John died on January 31, 1888. Every January 31, on the feast of his memorial, we remember St. John Bosco, his life, and his example for us. He is the patron saint of apprentices, schoolchildren, magicians, and juvenile delinquents. St. John Bosco ... pray for us.

*"My political views
are those of the Lord's Prayer."*

St. John Bosco

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The Sacraments – The Christian Mysteries

This year *The Good Knight* will examine each of the seven sacraments of the Catholic Church. This month we take a close look at:

Confirmation

In the days of the early Church, the sacraments followed this order: baptism, confirmation, Eucharist. The three sacraments initiated us into the Church ... as members of the People of God. In Baptism, the initiate would rise from the waters of baptism, having been made one with Jesus in his death and resurrection. Then, in Confirmation, the initiate would be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit ... a role reserved for the bishop. Finally, he or she would celebrate the feast of the kingdom of God in the Eucharist. The sacraments were not separated by time. The rites were simple, and overtime they became more elaborate and complex. Eventually the laying on or imposition of hands became part of the rite.

As the Church grew and dioceses grew, it was not always possible for the bishop to be present to confirm the child immediately after baptism. Thus the two sacraments became 'separated' from each other.



Today, confirmation – the sealing with the Holy Spirit – is considered to be a completion or perfection of the grace received at baptism. Through the sacrament of Confirmation, the individual receives

an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The rite involves the laying on of the hands, usually by the bishop. The sacrament confers a sacramental character or indelible mark upon the soul. We are only confirmed once.

The major signs of Confirmation are the anointing with chrism and the laying on of hands. The renewal of baptismal promises at Confirmation is there only to draw the close connection between baptism and confirmation.

Like every sacrament, Confirmation involves matter and form. The *matter*, which is the essential symbol or gesture in the sacrament, is the anointing with oil. The *form* refers to the prayer spoken by the bishop while anointing each candidate on the forehead: "Be sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit."

Confirmation candidates must select a sponsor, whose role is to be present in their lives, and, by word and example, help the young person to grow in faith.

Sponsors must be at least 16 years old and fully-initiated, practicing Catholics.



Why is Confirmation so significant in our Catholic faith? Like all seven sacraments, Confirmation was instituted by Christ to give us sanctifying grace that makes us holy and strengthens our relationship with God. We receive the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit: courage, wisdom, understanding, knowledge, reverence, right judgment, awe and wonder. We become more closely united to the People of God and to the Catholic Church. Encouraged by the Spirit, we become better witnesses of Christ.

There is a close relationship between our unity with the Father, the mission of the Son, and the pouring out of the Holy Spirit. We need the Spirit and the gifts of the Spirit in order to live out our baptismal call, which is to bring the Good News to the world. Baptism and Confirmation prepare us to partake in the Eucharistic feast.

In recent years, some dioceses have returned the sacraments of initiation to their original order, beginning with baptism, followed by Confirmation, and finally culminating with the reception of First Eucharist. In the Diocese of St. Paul, baptism is typically received shortly after birth and, when the child reaches the age of reason (the age of seven), they are confirmed and receive First Communion at the same liturgy.

Confirmation Quiz

Match the following. (Answers are at the bottom of this page.)

a. Paraclete	b. Holy Spirit	c. wind	d. confirmands
e. Chrism	f. wisdom	g. anointing	h. bishop
i. sacramental character	j. bishop's words; the form		

- ___ 1. a permanent spiritual mark on your soul, signifying that one belongs to Christ
- ___ 2. one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit; another is courage
- ___ 3. "Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit."
- ___ 4. another name for the Holy Spirit; means 'helper' or 'advocate'
- ___ 5. a symbol of the Holy Spirit, present at the Pentecost
- ___ 6. made from olive oil mixed with fragrant balsam, this oil is applied to one's forehead as a symbol of strength and a visible sign during Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders
- ___ 7. the primary gift received in Confirmation
- ___ 8. being set aside for a special job
- ___ 9. a Confirmation candidate
- ___ 10. usual minister of Confirmation

Confirmation Quiz – Answers

1. (i)	2. (f)	3. (j)	4. (a)	5. (c)
6. (e)	7. (b)	8. (g)	9. (d)	10. (h)

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The Good of the Order

Every month the Knights pray for the sick or recently deceased in the parish as well as relatives and friends who are in need of God's help. We call this the Good of the Order. Please pray for:

• Archbishop Stephen Hero	Our New Archbishop
• Wasai Buffalo	Deceased
• Willy Bortez	Prostate surgery
• Michael Busu	Dementia
• Wilbur Collin	Heart condition
• Florent Duguay	Cancer
• Madeline Elder	97 years old; aging
• Rollande Gosselin	Cancer Concerns
• Joe Halbach	Shoulder injury
• Ardie Korte	Recovery – heart surgery
• Joe Lauer	Knee surgery
• Roland Leblanc	Dementia
• Lynda Leblanc	Health issues; melanoma
• Jean-Pierre Lefebvre	Cancer concern
• Colleen Mahe	Surgery in January
• Albertine Porter	Deceased
• Larry Rowan	Cancer, dementia
• Deborah Semenak	emphysema
• Fr. Bernard Taypen	Deceased
• Dean Weans	Cancer
• Andrew Weinkauf	broken bones, concussion
• Robert Weisenberger	Stroke and heart attack

Family of the Month

In December, our council recognized Tim and Renee Morris as our Family of the Month. Tim and Renee are active members in our parish, both serving on parish council. They are founding members of The Rock, our parish youth group, and continue to be key leaders of all our group activities. Being a landscaper by trade, Tim, who is also a Knight of Columbus, lends his skills around the church, trimming the spruce trees around the cemetery, clearing snow in the church parking lot with the skid steer, and helping with the maintenance of the churchyard. Renee, along with Theresa Robinson, lead music once a month at our 11 a.m. Sunday Mass. We are grateful to Tim and Renee for being witnesses of faith and positive role models in our parish, especially for our young people.



Knights of Columbus Charter Night

Our Lady of the Hill Council #13064 was officially formed on January 8, 2002. Each year we celebrate the anniversary of our council with a gathering of Knights and their families in the parish hall. This year, our Charter Night is scheduled for Saturday, January 31, beginning soon after the 5 p.m. Mass. We will enjoy a potluck supper before a short, formal program, during which some recognition awards will be given. There will be ample time just to enjoy each other's company.

Have You Heard This One?

A man was talking to God and asked God the question, "What is a million years like?"

God answers back, "A million years is like a second."

The man then asks God, "What is a million dollars like?"

God replies, "A million dollars is like a penny."

So the man asks God, "Can I have one of your pennies?"

God replies, "Just a second."

RECENT ACTIVITIES

Keep Christ In Christmas Coloring Contest 2025

Thanks to the many young people who participated in this year's coloring contest. The winners are as follows:

Grades 1 – 3	1 st place	Elizabeth Urda
	2 nd place	Martin Pueschel
	3 rd place (tie)	Reese Soon
	3 rd place (tie)	Oliver Morris
Grades 4 – 6	1 st place	Paula McLarney
	2 nd place	Lucia McLarney
	3 rd place	Elise Belland
Grades 7 – 9	1 st place	Anna Antony
	2 nd place	Julia Urda
	3 rd place	Suzanne Urda

Congratulations to these artists! To the right is an image of the first place entry at the Grade 7 – 9 level, by Anna Antony. All winning entries are posted on the display board at the back of the church.

Winners can pick up their 'winnings' at the K of C gift card table as of January 3. The prizes are: 1st place (\$20); 2nd place (\$10); 3rd (\$5)



Outdoor Nativity Scene

Just prior to the First Sunday of Advent, the Knights set up the Nativity scene in front of the church. In the picture below, five of the volunteers (from L – R) – Bros. Thomas Oster, Paul Weisenberger, Joe Mahe, Kenton Crook, Patrick Stack, Gary Fisher, Michael Dunphy, Joe Lauer, Sid Eriavaz, and Dennis Madu – relax after the work was done. The scene will be taken down shortly after January 11, which is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord and the last day of the Christmas season.

