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Special points of interest:

- Rosary Garden open
- Council hosts Degree
- In Honor of our Blessed Mother



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Rosary Garden at St. Francis opened!

On Friday, December 6th the Rosary Garden at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic church was dedicated to our Lady of Guadalupe, and mass was held on the lawn in front of the garden with a large crowd of parishioners there to help celebrate the opening. I wish to thank all the fellow Knights there to help setup and break down for the ceremony, afterwards pizza, sweet treats and delicacies of all kind were served, Bishop Parkes was unable to be there but he sent Father Joseph O'Reilly in his stead Provincial Superior from



Rosary garden from page one

Which culminated in consecrating the garden to Our Lady of Guadalupe and presenting awards to members that helped in the planning and construction of the garden, the following week on December 12th there was another mass held by Father Edison and a celebration afterward to commemorate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe at the rosary garden. A play depicting the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary was held and, there were dancers dressed in native Mexican attire and another dance troupe from Blessed Sacrament demonstrating more Latin style dancing, there was lots of food and it was a very good time.



For Your Information

He named Father McGivney a Servant of God, formally beginning the Cause for Sainthood. Only three people born in the United States have ever been made saints in the Roman

Catholic Church. ... Were Father McGivney to be elevated to sainthood, he would become the first American-born man ever canonized.

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In honor of our Blessed Mother

On the last weekend of every month the knights of our council have the honor and privilege of saying our Blessed Mother's holy rosary 30 minutes before each mass on the weekends. Come out and show your support for this and on the last weekend of the month



Our Blessed Mother

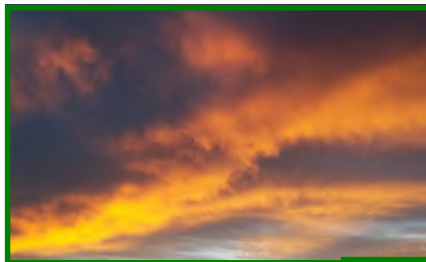
when you attend mass wear your red shirts and if you wish to say the rosary all you need to do is be there and the arrangements will be made. We have several knights that attend each mass and we take turns saying the rosary, the rosary ministries staff is stretched

thin so it is a welcome relief for our knights to help with saying the rosary,

Council hosts first Degree

At St. Francis church!

On December 19th our council 14278 hosted a 1st degree ceremony at St. Francis Catholic Church for St. Stephens Catholic Church, the sky was on fire that night and the Holy Spirit filled the room, and the hearts of the candidates. Our worthy DD Ed Sleyzak presided with his degree team and five candidates entered our order that night, four from St. Anne's and one from St. Stephen's. There were Grand Knights and past Grand Knights



there and the State Treasurer Richard Hughes was on the admissions team. Before and after the ceremony coffee and cookies were served.



Family of the month!

Our Family of the month for November was the Vega Family, they are one of the most active members of our Spanish community in our church. Audberto just recently received an award plaque at our dedication of the church's new rosary garden and very instrumental in its construction. Jaunita is the Spanish Liaison of the church

and is Lector and teacher at the Spanish RCIA classes and performs and coordinates many functions for the Spanish masses, conducting raffles and helping sell empanadas, and she helped the knights sell Christmas cards. Please congratulate them next time you see them!



Spaghetti Dinner at St. Francis

On December 13th the council had a spaghetti dinner starting serving at 6:30pm. I want to thank all the members of the council that helped out: Richard, Ron, Justin, Dave Muller, Jack, Bill, Chuck, John Mabe, Chito and

anyone else I may have missed. Turn out was light but the people that were there all had positive feedback.



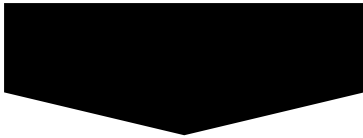
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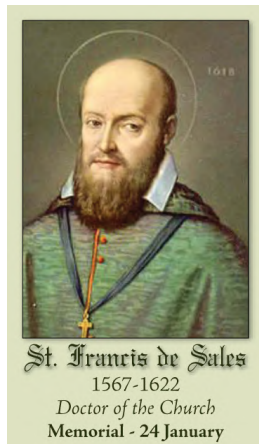


The **Knights of Columbus** is the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization. Founded by Michael J. McGivney in New Haven, Connecticut, in 1882, it was named in honor of the explorer Christopher Columbus. Originally serving as a mutual benefit society to working-class and immigrant Catholics in the United States, it developed into a fraternal benefit society dedicated to providing charitable services, including war and disaster relief, actively defending Catholicism in various nations, and promoting Catholic education.[1][2][3] The Knights also support the Catholic Church's positions on public policy issues, including various political causes, and are participants in the new evangelization. The current Supreme Knight is Carl A. Anderson.

Saints Corner

John Wilbur, PGK Lecturer

Interior peace is a blessing we should all pray to receive. One saint honored by the Church this month has much to teach about interior peace: St. Francis de Sales (January 24th). St. Francis de Sales, for whom the Salesian order was named, was a priest who was sent into Switzerland right after the



Protestant Reformation, to try to win back baptized Catholics who left the Church. Because he was not welcomed into people's homes, he taught many people by slipping written tracts under their doors. He had to sleep outside, even in the winter, and is said to have tied himself up high in the limbs of trees to sleep, so that he wouldn't be attacked by wolves in the night. Eventually, he brought

thousands of Swiss people back to the Catholic faith. He was also known as an excellent spiritual director, with a gentle and kind manner. A wonderful book which includes some of his writings is *Searching for and Maintaining Peace: A Small Treatise on Peace of Heart*, by Father Jacques Philippe. I highly recommend it! May we all seek interior peace in the New Year! Saint Francis de Sales – Pray for us!