



THE DIOCESAN CHRONICLE

THE OFFICIAL NEWS OF THE DIOCESE OF BAKER

Published every two weeks for the sake of the unity of the Diocese and the
"greater good of souls"

December 30, 2012

Volume 3, Number 27

IN THE NEW YEAR, MAY WE RENEW OUR CONVERSION TO THE LORD, THE ONE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD.

PARISH NEWS: Starlight Gala, St. Thomas, Redmond

The Starlight Gala, sponsored by St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Redmond, has just completed its 12th successful year. Started in 2001 to raise money for a new parish center, which was finished and dedicated in 2012, the event has been the focus of efforts by many donors and volunteers. It is held at Eagle Crest Resort each year early in December.

Beginning in 2005 many corporate sponsors came on board, including Sam Deleone, who supported the gala from its inception. Phil and Penelope Knight joined the effort a few years later. Over the years, Mark's Auto Body, Redmond Memorial Chapel, Redmond Dental, Coombe and Jones Dental, Wells Fargo Bank, Father Leo Weckerle, the Earl Cordes Family and Owen and Becky Larkin have sponsored the event year after year.



The Ladies at the Front Desk (above)



Marlene Lunsford,
Chairman



Gala Committee Members



Clay Tanler,
the Auctioneer

FATHER AND SON CELEBRATE 100 YEARS IN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Fr. Luke Sheehan Council #1872 in Bend, Oregon, celebrates a total of 100 years of service in the Knights of Columbus shared by two of its members - a father and son. Father Joseph N. Reinig, a retired priest of the Diocese of Baker and our chaplain and his son Mark T. Reinig have together been very active members of the Knights for 100 years.

Fr. Joe was married to Helen Macey May 16, 1953. They had nine children in 12 years with four sons in a row and then five daughters. Helen passed away July 18, 1994, and Fr. Joe was called to the priesthood and ordained May 21, 1998. He joined the Knights in 1950 and has served as Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Warden, Inside Guard, Outside Guard, 1st, 2nd and 3rd Year Trustee in Council 5796 Milpitas, California, and in 2004 became the Chaplain of Bend Council 1872 and also served as State Chaplain for two years.

Mark followed in his father's footsteps joining the Knights in 1974. He also has served in many capacities including Outside Guard, Inside Guard, Warden and Trustee in Milpitas Council 5796 and is currently the Warden for the Bend Council. He is looking forward to serving as Deputy Grand Knight and Grand Knight in the future. They had been working on 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Degree Teams in California and Mark is currently working on all three teams in Bend, Oregon.



Both Fr. Joe and Mark are 4th Degree Knights and Fr. Joe is their Faithful Friar. Mark is currently the Membership Retention Chairman, following in his father's footsteps. Congratulations to both and thanks for serving so faithfully.

Thoughts Along the Way from Bishop Cary

As New Year 2013 dawns, the world around us seems anything but new. Ancient hatreds tear apart the people of Syria. Lone shooters gun down the innocent in shopping mall and school. In the darkness of deep midwinter the old, old story of hatred and revenge chills us to the bone.

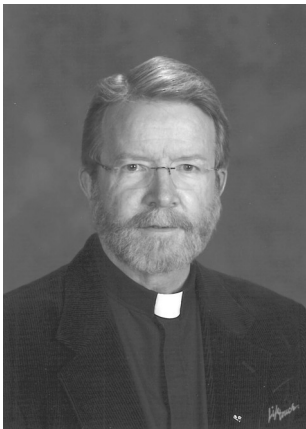
But 2013 is the Year of Faith in the One who comes to make all things new. At every Mass He works a miracle of newness before our very eyes: the miracle the Church calls “transubstantiation.”

The Word of God changes the substance of the bread and wine (what they really are) into His Body and Blood (what the Creator wants them to be), while the appearances of bread and wine (their look, feel, and taste) remain exactly as they were. And all this happens because Jesus is “consustantial” with the Father, “the Maker of heaven and earth.” This all-powerful God need do no more than say the word to make something exist that did not exist before: “And God said, ‘Let there be light,’ and there was light.” It follows that this same God, by the mere power of His Word over “all that is visible and invisible” is free to change something that already exists into an entirely new substance, as Jesus changed water into wine at Cana and wine into Blood at the Last Supper.

But that is not all He came to make new; the dynamism of transubstantiation is not exhausted on the altar. Consider the transformation that happens in the confessional when the priest says, “I absolve you of your sins.” As in the Eucharist, no observable change occurs; the appearances remain the same. If the penitent is you, you won’t be surprised when you look in the mirror. It’s easy to recognize the person coming out of the confessional as the same one who went in. But within that person everything is made new. The Word of Mercy has brought about a marvelous invisible change from the darkness of sin and guilt to the light of pardon and peace. “And God said, ‘Let there be light,’ and there was light.”

It takes the light of faith to discern the invisible change; as with transubstantiation there is no “scientific” way to prove or disprove it. We shall be made new only if we take Jesus at His word. “Whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven them.”

Pope Benedict encourages us to exercise our faith in divine mercy frequently in the Year of Faith. What better way to make 2013 truly a New Year?



Pensamientos del Camino por el Obispo Cary

Al amanecer el Año Nuevo 2013, el mundo que nos rodea parece todo menos nuevo. Odios antiguos destrozan el pueblo de Siria. Pistoleros solitarios acribillan a los inocentes en el centro comercial y en la escuela. En medio de la oscuridad del invierno vieja, la vieja historia de odio y venganza nos congela hasta a los huesos.

Pero el 2013 es el Año de la fe, año en que viene Él que hará nuevas todas las cosas. En cada Misa Él realiza un milagro ante nuestros ojos: el milagro que la Iglesia llama “transubstanciación”.

La Palabra de Dios cambia la sustancia del pan y del vino (lo que realmente son) en su Cuerpo y Sangre (lo que el Creador quiere que sean), mientras que la apariencia de las especies del pan y del vino (su, sensación y el gusto) siguen siendo como eran. Y todo esto ocurre porque Jesús es “consustancial” con el Padre, el creador de cielos y tierra” Este Dios omnipotente no necesita más que decir una palabra para hacer que algo que no existía, exista: “Y dijo Dios: ‘Hágase la luz’, y hubo luz”. Es por eso que este mismo Dios, por el solo poder de su Palabra “todo lo visible y lo invisible” puede cambiar algo que ya existe en una sustancia totalmente nueva, como Jesús convirtió el agua en vino en Caná y el vino en su Sangre en la Última Cena.

Pero eso no es todo lo que vino a hacer nuevo, el dinamismo de la transubstanciación no se agota en el altar. Considera la transformación que ocurre en el confesionario cuando el sacerdote dice, “Yo te absuelvo de tus pecados.” Al igual que en la Eucaristía, ningún cambio visible ocurre, las apariencias siguen igual. Si el penitente eres tú, tú no te sorprenderás al mirarte en el espejo. Es fácil decir que la persona que sale del confesionario es la misma que entro. Pero dentro de esa persona todo es nuevo. La Palabra de Misericordia ha hecho un cambio maravilloso invisible, de las tinieblas del pecado y de la culpa a la luz del perdón y la paz. “Y dijo Dios: ‘Haya luz’, y hubo luz.”

Se necesita la luz de la fe para discernir el cambio invisible, como con la transubstanciación no hay manera “científica” para probarla o negarla. Vamos a ser renovados sólo si tenemos a Jesús en su palabra. “Los pecados que perdonen, quedaran perdonados”.

El Papa Benedicto XVI nos anima a ejercer con frecuencia nuestra fe en la misericordia divina durante el Año de la fe. ¿Qué mejor manera de hacer el 2013 un verdadero Año Nuevo?

BISHOP CARY’S SCHEDULE:

Jan. 2-9	Region XII Retreat, Seattle	Feb. 4-6	National Bioethics Meeting, Texas
Jan 19	Serra Club Meeting	Feb. 9	Year of Faith Teaching series, St. Mary, Pendleton
Jan. 19-20	Masses at St.Thomas, Redmond	Feb. 10	Confirmation, St. Andrews Mission, Pendleton
Jan. 22-24	Catholic Leadership Institute, Florida	Feb. 16	Rite of Election, St. Thomas, Redmond for the Central Deanery
Jan. 26	Year of Faith Teaching series, St. Thomas, Redmond 9am - Noon	Feb. 18	Review Board Meeting
Jan. 30	School Mass, St. Francis, Bend	Feb. 22-23	Men’s Conference in Pendleton

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS:

The Idaho Catholic Youth Convention (ICYC) is fast approaching! Each year, over 1,200 Catholic high school youth from Idaho, Oregon and Washington converge on Bishop Kelly High School in Boise to celebrate their faith, grow in love of Christ and experience Him in a profound way.

ICYC is being held on March 8-10, 2013. The theme is "Turn Around", taken from the well-known parable from Luke's Gospel about the Prodigal Son. It is a powerful reminder of the unconditional and eternal love that God has for us. I would like to invite all youth in the 9th - 12th grade to attend this life-changing event.

The cost is \$90 which includes registration, hotel and meals. I know from firsthand experience the transformations that can occur at these events and I would love for as many youth as possible from our Diocese to be a part of it. Because ICYC is such a fantastic opportunity for our young people to experience the wider Catholic Church, we are not having DDA (Day-by-Day-Agape) this year and are, instead, encouraging all high school youth to attend ICYC.—David O'Neill, Director of Youth Ministry

PRIESTLY ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY:

Congratulations to Rev. Jose Thomas Mudakodiyil, in Ontario. Father Jose was ordained to priesthood on January 28, 2002.

We are most grateful for the years of service of all our Priests and Bishops. Please keep them in your prayers.

Starlight Gala, St. Thomas, Redmond, continued

New businesses who joined the roster more recently are Rockwell American, Ferguson's Market and One Street Down. The core committee of parishioners that plans the gala has many of the same people who initiated the fundraiser a dozen years ago. Owen and Becky Larkin, Earl and Ethel Cordes, Pat and Shirley Carpenter, Jeri Burk, Shirley Czerwonka, Martha Cacho, Sue Couch, Dawn and Steve Gunnells, Carol and Don Mitchell and Bob and Marlene Lunsford are all longtime members who make the gala happen. Don Mitchell has served as MC for many years and Marlene Lunsford has been Coordinator for the entire history of the event. Many newcomers have also been invaluable in helping provide an evening both festive and financially fruitful.

This is Lunsford's last year as committee chairperson and a new head will take over directing next year's gala.

The committee would like to thank St. Thomas's pastor, Father Todd Unger, and the parishioners of St. Thomas for helping bring in \$750,000 over the gala's life. Perhaps the greatest success was having the whole community enjoy a fun and exciting evening together each year. The existence of a new parish center, which also houses St. Thomas Academy and completes the new church property, is a testament to everyone's participation.



FORWARD in FAITH

— DIOCESE of BAKER —

*"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another
as good stewards of God's varied grace."*

— 1 PETER 4:10 —

*Appeal gifts will be distributed in the areas of
Young Adult Ministry, Seminary Education,
Priest Retirement and the General Fund as most needed.*

TO DONATE ONLINE go to the Diocesan website
www.Dioceseofbaker.org

SERRA CLUB INVITATION:

All are invited to join the Serra Club of the Baker Diocese at the Powell Butte Retreat Center, Saturday, January 19, 2013, to hear Bishop Cary share his story of priestly vocation.

We will gather at 10:00 a.m. for coffee and cookies. Bishop Cary will speak at 11:00 a.m.

A catered lunch will be served at Noon. The cost is \$8.00 per person. Please RSVP to Patti Rausch at the Chancery by January 10, 2013. (541) 388-4004 or prausch@dioceseofbaker.org



ANNUAL SCHOENSTATT FAMILY CHRISTMAS GATHERING:

Please join us on Sunday, January 13th from 3-6 p.m. at the Powell Butte Retreat Center for the Diocesan Schoenstatt Family Christmas Gathering "Christmas Everyday" with Rev. Robert Greiner, Priest Moderator of the Office of Pro-Life Activities. The celebration will begin with Eucharistic Holy Hour and the Holy Rosary in St. Mary's Chapel.

After the Holy Hour, we will gather in the Center for traditional Christmas music and entertainment. Please bring a favorite finger food, dessert, or beverage to share. Cost is \$5 per person or \$10 per family.

THE YEAR OF FAITH UPDATE:

Bishop Cary's Teaching Series for the Year of Faith kicks off Saturday, January 26, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. at St. Thomas Parish in Redmond and February 9 at St. Mary in Pendleton. Please visit the diocesan website at www.dioceseofbaker.org or call the diocesan office (541-388-4004) for details on other dates and locations throughout 2013. You may call Peggy or Barry at the Diocesan Office if you would like to schedule Bishop Cary's Teaching Series at your location. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet and study with the Bishop during this Year of Faith!

PARISH NEWS: St. Francis of Assisi, Milton-Freewater

On November 25, 2012, **The Solemnity of Christ the King of kings and Lord and lords**, St. Francis of Assisi parishioners accompanied Father Charles Nnabuife, pastor, in a procession with Jesus the King exposed in the monstrance.



Between 400 and 500 parishioners walked and sang for three miles. They closed with Benediction.



Deacon Irineo Ledezma visited from The Dalles to assist.



PARISH NEWS: St. Patrick, Heppner

The catechism students of St. Patrick Catholic Church of Heppner were surprised during the month of November by visits from (Saints).

St. Paul visited the students on the First Sunday in November when they were praying together and learning about the saints. He happened to be in the area and dropped by to tell them his amazing story of how he was “converted” from a persecutor of Christians to an Apostle of Christ.

During the month of November, the children learned about many saints including the seven new saints that were canonized on October 21st. In honor of All Saints Day they drew and colored “portraits” of the newly canonized Saints and presented their stories and the pictures to the congregation in the church before Mass.

Later in the month, one of the newly canonized saints, St. Anna Schaffer, made a surprise visit and told them her story. Her message to the children was that no matter what your “state” in life, we can serve God. St. Anna Schaffer served God even though she was confined to a bed after a very serious accident in which she fell into a boiling vat of lye. The accident left her unable to walk and she suffered incredible pain throughout her life. She considered her suffering, her writing, and her ability to knit clothes for her friends the three “keys” by which she could enter Heaven. Her beatific attitude made her a beloved figure in town and people would often visit her to hear her comforting words of faith.



Students shown drawing and coloring “portraits” of the newly canonized saints, St. Anna Schaffer (R) and St. Kateri Tekakwitha (L).



St. Anna Schaffer and St. Paul speaking to the children.