



**Knights of Columbus Council 2439
Monthly Meeting Tuesday, December 9, 2008
At 7:30 PM - Anthony Hall**

Brother James Duffy is responsible for December's refreshments.
Brother George Gerspacher is responsible for January's refreshments.

CHRISTMAS CHEER PROGRAM

Our annual Christmas Cheer program is underway. We are collecting non-perishable food donations along with purchased food to make up food boxes for needy families in the area. Mail your raffle ticket stubs or bring them to the December meeting or to the Christmas Cheer party. You can pick up more tickets at the meeting or call Kent Purdy at 503-769-6847.

The Christmas Cheer party for Brother Knights and their spouses will be on Friday, December 19th at Anthony Hall starting at 6:00pm. Raffle drawing will start at 8:30pm.

Delivering of food boxes will be the next day, Saturday, December 20th, starting at 10am. The boxes will be at Jeff Gries' house at 13307 Triumph Rd., north of Sublimity.

HIGHWAY CLEANUP

Knights participated in the Adopt a Highway quarterly cleanup in November 15, 2008. This was our fourth and final cleanup for the year! Coffee and doughnuts were provided by Brother Kendal Smith, and the weather was cold but dry. Come join us at the next cleanup!

HOLY FATHER'S GENERAL INTENTION FOR THE MONTH

That the testimony of love offered by the Saints, may fortify Christians in their service to God and neighbor, imitating Christ who came not to be served but to serve.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS (www.catholicculture.org)

Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi – October 4, 2008 – St. Francis (1182-1226) was born and died in Assisi. He was the son of a rich merchant, Bernardone. At the age of twenty, he went to war against Perugia, but was captured and imprisoned. During his imprisonment he experienced a vision from Christ and changed his life completely. He left all his possessions and embraced complete poverty, taking the Gospel as his rule of life. In 1209, with the papal blessing, he founded the Friars Minor (Franciscans). He was the first person (recorded) to receive the stigmata (the five wounds of Christ) in 1224. He died on October 4, 1226 at Portiuncula, Italy. He was canonized by Gregory IX less than two years later.

Feast of St. Luke – October 18, 2008 – St. Luke, the inspired author of the third Gospel and of the Acts of the Apostles, was a native of Antioch in Syria and a physician. He accompanied St. Paul on a considerable part of his missionary journey. He was also his companion while in prison at Rome on two different occasions. His account of these events, contained in the Acts, is firsthand history. His name means "bringer of light". St. Luke was with St. Paul in Rome when St. Paul was in prison awaiting death. We hear no more of St. Luke afterwards and nothing is known of his last years. The Church venerates him as a Martyr.

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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Leo Basl, Michael Bradley, Craig Brand, Robert Brant, Paul Dozler, Ronald Etzel, James Frichtl, Ben Gormley, Leo Hance, Joshua Heuberger, Theodore Highberger, Alan Keudell, Victor Kintz, William Lackey, Edward Lulay, Ralph Lulay, Thomas Meyerhofer, Donald Nielson, Richard Schuetz, Anthony Van Houdt, Ronald Ziglinski, Steven Zuber.