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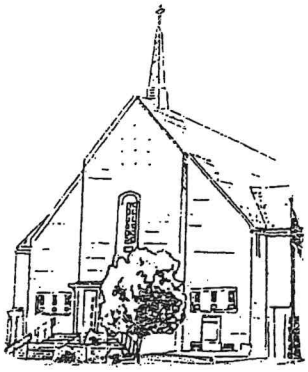

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Pastor
Father Nick VanDenBroeke
frvandenbroeke@icchurch.cc

PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Closed
Tuesday through Friday
9 am - 12 pm
Afternoon hours on Friday
1 pm - 4 pm

Office Manager: Mary Rose Rynda
Music Ministry: Justin Merritt
Custodian: Maria Miller
Office Assistant: Annie Rynda

MASS SCHEDULE
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday at 8:00 AM Thursday at 6:30 am
Saturday at 5:00 PM - Sunday at 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

---------Sacrament of Baptism---------
Pre-Baptism meetings are held with the Pastor.
Please call for an appointment.
We encourage you to contact the Parish and meet with Father before the birth of your child.

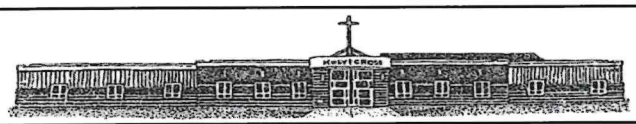
---------Sacrament of Reconciliation----------
Saturday 4:00 to 4:45 PM in Church or call for an appointment

----------Sacrament of Marriage----------
Arrangements must be made a minimum of 6 months in advance.
Pre-marriage preparation is required.

----------Anointing of the Sick----------
Call the Parish Office.

---------Communion Calls Visits---------
If you or someone you care for would like to receive Communion or a pastoral visit at home or in the hospital, please call the Parish Office.

---------New Parishioners---------
Families or individuals wishing to become registered members of our Parish should contact the Parish Office or see the website icchurch.cc/parishregistration/ for more information.



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School Mass Wednesdays during the school year, will be hosted at the three parishes on a rotating schedule.
[Holy Cross School News is on the back page of the Bulletin]

LNMV RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Wednesdays at the LNMV CATHOLIC EDUCATION CENTER
www.lnmvre.net or contact the Parish Office.
[LNMV Religious Education News is on the back page of the Bulletin]

November 22, 2026

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

Pastoral Letter – Section 2, Paragraphs 9-10

This article is from the Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Hebda.

Only One Thing Is Necessary
How Catholic Families Can Strive To Be United in This Life and the Next
Pastoral Letter to the Families of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis

Section II

9. Finally, the third key practice is recognizing that all children are God's children first. They can never be objects of your possession. They are not your projects. With this recognition of their true Heavenly Father comes encouragement and expectation, warmth and accountability, mercy and justice. This makes your children special, but also calls them to a special responsibility.

An unconditional love that never fails to recognize to whom children belong (and not solely what they achieve) will remind them of their eternal value amid a world of fickle affections. Simultaneously, it places upon them certain expectations that draw them deeper into a loving, yet accountable, relationship with God. As Christ reminds, "Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more" (Lk 12:48). A sense of being dignified, loved, and accountable will remind your children that they are consequential in the eyes of God and their family. This, in turn, fosters a familial culture that is a foretaste of Heaven.

10. This familial culture should not be found only within the walls of the home; it is meant to permeate all of society. Society, in turn, is meant to foster the family. Already in his early papacy, Pope Leo reminded world leaders that "it is the responsibility of government leaders to work to build harmonious and peaceful civil societies." This can be achieved above all, he stressed, "by investing in the family, founded upon the stable union between a man and a woman, 'a small but genuine society, and prior to all civil society.'"

The Church's clear teaching on marriage and family is too often perceived as being divisive. It is undeniably countercultural but, according to Pope Leo, it is never accurate to see the truth as being divisive: "Truth, then, does not create division, but rather enables us to confront all the more resolutely the challenges of our time." It is the truth of the core dignity of the human person and of the family unit as a whole that has to be our touchstone.

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MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Immaculate Conception Church
is open from 7 am until sundown daily for prayer.

Nov. 23	Monday - St. Clement I, Pope & Martyr. St. Columban. Bl. Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest & Martyr (m) No Mass
Nov. 24 7:00 AM 8:00 AM	Tuesday - St. Andrew Dung Lac, Priest & Companions, Martyrs (M) Holy Hour – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Charles Dunn †
Nov. 25 7:00 AM 8:00 AM	Wednesday - St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr (m) Holy Hour – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament George S. Trnka Family †
Nov. 26 9:00 AM	Thursday - Thanksgiving Day All of our Parishioners
Nov. 27	Friday NO Mass
Nov. 28 4:00- 4:45 PM 4:35 PM 5:00 PM*	Saturday Confessions Rosary in Church Jeff Franek †
Nov. 29 8:00 AM* 10:00 AM*	Sunday - First Sunday of Advent All of our Parishioners

*Knight of Columbus will lead the rosary before Mass

CONFESSIONS - are heard in the confessionals inside the Church.

(m) - optional memorial (M) - Memorial (F) - Feast

(S) - Solemnity (c) - commemoration

Ad Orientem - We have begun celebrating most Masses Ad Orientem, however the following Masses will still be celebrated Versus Populo: Saturday 5pm and Tuesday 8am. Visit our website for more information on Ad Orientem.

LECTORS		
Thursday, November 26	9AM - Amy Zasoski	
Saturday, November 28	5PM - Mark Sibenaller	
Sunday, November 29	8AM - Milo Simon	10AM - Cathy Mikel
SERVERS		
Thursday, November 26	9AM - Volunteer	
Saturday, November 21	5PM - Volunteer	
Sunday, November 22	8AM - Simon	10AM - Bastyr
SACRISTANS		
Thursday, November 26	9AM - June Myers	
Saturday, November 21	5PM - AJ Miller	
Sunday, November 22	8AM - Mary Rose Rynda & Stella Simon 10AM - Cathy Mikel	

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe: #1208 in Red Book
1st Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17, Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 23:1-2a,2b-3,5-6,
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28, Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

1st Sunday of Advent: #1002 in Red Book
1st Reading: Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b;64:2-7, Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 80:2ac&3b,15-16,18-19
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9, Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

masstimes.org Go to Masstimes.org for Mass times when traveling



We invite families to bring up the gifts at Mass.There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church where you can jot down your family name before Mass begins to sign-up to bring up the gifts at that Mass.(The gifts sign-up sheet is the same as the usher sign-up sheet.) Especially if you have younger children, this is a special thing to do as a family once in a while.



Mass intentions can be offered for any reason including someone who has died, to celebrate a birthday, or sacramental anniversary. If you would like to schedule a Mass intention, contact the Parish Office. Call 744– 2829 or email office@icchurch.cc

STEWARDSHIP

Immaculate Conception is striving to become a Tithing Parish

"Give to the Most High as he has given to you, generously, according to your means." ~ Sirach 35:12

Tithing is an important responsibility for all of us as part of living the Christian life. We are so grateful to everyone who has given so generously to serve the Church and support if financially. In case you missed it, we encourage you to listen to Fr. VanDenBroeke's homily on Tithing found on our website.

COLLECTION, November 15, 2026

Weekly giving: $5,951	Weekly budgeted: $ 5,270	Weekly Over (Under): $ 681
YTD giving: $ 90,073	YTD budgeted: $ 106,400	YTD Over (Under): $ (16,327)

Thank you for your stewardship of God's gifts to you!

Use mobile giving to contribute to the church.
Search for "Vanco Mobile" in your app store.

Contributions:
You can mail your contribution envelope to
IC Church, 202 Alabama Street SE, Lonsdale, MN. 55046,
drop it in the drop box in back of Church,
or see the website to set up online giving or mobile giving.
Call the Parish Office with questions.
If you are contributing to more then one collection, please write a separate check for each envelope. This will help with our accounting process. Thank you for your generosity.



Advent will be here before we know it, don't forget to get your new candles ordered! Leaflet Missal has a great arrangement of options for Advent, check them out online at: https://catholichomeandchurch.com/collections/advent

Prayers for the faithfully departed



Turn in your All Souls' Day envelope with any family names you would like remembered in the month of November. Names can be listed on the back or placed inside the envelope.

Let us pray for those that we lost from our parish this year along with any of our family members and friends:

Greg Wacker Gary Skluzacek

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, Through the mercy of God, Rest in peace. Amen.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Est. CAPITAL CAMPAIGN 1903 LEGACY OF FAITH

Capital Campaign Update
Total cash collected $1,339,729.66
Donated materials $80,476.59
Outstanding pledges $35,343.16
Total cash, donations, and pledges $ 1,455,549.41

Number of individuals/families who have contributed 205
Percentage of parish families who have contributed 57%

Thank you to all that have turned in your pledge cards.
Turning your pledge card in is a great help in the committee knowing what to expect from the parish in order to do the campaign projects.



We are officially entrusting the parish projects and the capital campaign to St. Joseph. We will be praying the below prayer to St. Joseph at weekend Masses at the end of the petitions. We also invite you to take home one or more prayer cards that will be available in the back of church and pray the prayer to St. Joseph daily for our parish. St. Joseph, pray for us!

O St Joseph, my loving father, I place myself forever under your protection. Look upon me as your child and keep me from all sin. I take refuge in your arms, so that you may lead me on the path of virtue and assist me at the hour of my death. Amen.

Weekly Emails from the Parish

We really want to stay connected with you, so we will be sending a weekly parish email with just a few highlights of what's happening in the parish. If you would like to sign up contact the parish office by emailing office@icchurch.cc

PARISH CONTACTS

Our weekly bulletin is published online!
Please visit the BULLETINS page on website at icchurch.cc

DEADLINE TO PUT ARTICLES IN THE CHURCH BULLETIN IS TUESDAY AT 11:30am

CHECK OUT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE
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TO SCHEDULE EVENTS IN THE PARISH HALL
Please contact the Parish Office during office hours.

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PARISH TRUSTEES and FINANCE COUNCIL
Dave Stepka 612-328-2944
Milton Trnka 507-744-2655

ALTAR FLOWERS
Betty Vosejpka 507-744-2130

PARISH PRAYER CHAIN
Rita Diercks 507-210-5944

FATIMA PRAYER GROUP
(Fridays after 8am Mass) in the Parish Hall
Shirley Trcka 507-744-2728

OUR LADY'S ROSARY MAKERS
(Wed. 1 pm) in the Parish Hall
Joan Trnka 507-744-2220

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Expecting Parents are welcome to contact Fr VanDenBroeke to receive a special blessing.

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northfieldwomenscenter.org

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING
Jeremiah and Krista Foxhoven
507-412-0205 jerfox@hotmail.com

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ARCHDIOCESAN PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Will you pray for a priest each day?

Nov. 22 - Rev. Mark Underdahl
Nov. 23 - Rev. Steven Urban
Nov. 24 - Rev. John Utecht
Nov. 25 - Rev. Jame Van Dorn
Nov. 26 - Rev. Michael Van Sloun
Nov. 27 - Rev. Nicholas Vance
Nov. 28 - Rev. Nick VanDenBroeke

O Jesus, Eternal High Priest, live in (name of priest), act in him, speak in and through him. Think your thoughts in his mind, love through his heart. Give him your own dispositions and feelings. Teach, lead and guide him always. Correct, enlighten and expand his thoughts and behavior. Possess his soul; take over his entire personality and life. Replace him with yourself. Incline him to constant adoration and thanksgiving; pray in and through him. Let him live in you and keep him in this intimate union always.

O Mary, Immaculate Conception, Mother of Jesus and Mother of priests, pray and intercede for (name of priest). Amen.
FOR VOCATIONS: Father we trust you to call others to the priesthood to continue your work in our Archdiocese.

November Prayer Intention of the Holy Father

For the proper use of wealth: Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

Prayer to St Michael the Archangel



St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



Bake Sale and Craft Sale Funds going towards funding a bus hitch for Extreme Faith Camp

The past few years we have packed our EFC campers on a bus with all the luggage! Each year the bus is a little more packed as we add more people going to and from camp. By using the Holy Cross bus we have been able to save on bus rental. A charter bus would be double the price of a Holy Cross bus. But as our group keeps growing we know that packing both people and luggage in one bus is not going to keep working. One of the Holy Cross buses could have a trailer hitch put on it for a "luggage trailer" like the charter buses. This would help us be able to keep our bus costs to "one bus" and be able to increase the number of people on the bus.

IC CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE

Date: Saturday, Dec. 12 & Sunday, Dec. 13

Where: in the Parish Hall and Church Basement
(see Sale Times below)



PLEASE BRING YOUR PACKED BAKED GOODS TO THE PARISH HALL

DROP OFF TIMES ARE:
Friday: 4 pm - 6 pm
Saturday: 8 am - 10 am

SALE TIMES:

Saturday, Dec. 12
- In the Parish Hall 10am - 2 pm during the Crafty Kids Crafty Fair
- In the Church Basement after the 5pm Mass

Sunday, Dec. 13th
- In the Church Basement after both Masses

Wanted: The talent of our parishioners for the IC Christmas Bake Sale! Pies, Mocha cakes, Kolacky, Koblihy, Strudel, Christmas cookies, Christmas candies, Fudge, Rosettes, Divinity, Your specialties!!

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Roxie Crow 612-756-0142
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with questions
Cash and check accepted

Proceeds going towards Extreme Faith Camp Bus expenses.

KC Corner

The **Knights of Columbus** meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:30PM in the Parish Hall.

All men 18 or older who wish to join IC Council #16225 contact Paul Simon 612-221-1408 or Email lonsdale.kofc@gmail.com

PLEASE GIVE PRAYERFUL CONSIDERATION TO JOINING THE KNIGHTS!

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RE website is www.lnmvre.net

Snow Shovelers needed



Our snow removal service will not be able to provide shoveling services, only plowing service. So, we are looking to hire some snow shovelers who would come any time it snows. Especially early mornings before Mass. We would provide the shovels and snowblowers.

If you have an interest, please let Fr. VanDenBroeke know! And we can discuss what hourly wage would be reasonable.

Youth Group Opportunity

Come have a fun evening with friends, learn about the faith, and spend time with Jesus. Invite a friend!

For more information contact Angie at angieshop@msn.com



FIAT Middle and High School Ladies Group

Sunday, November 22nd, 6:00 to 8 pm.

We invite all ladies in 6th-12 grade to join our Fiat group. We will be meeting at Mary Rose's house in Lonsdale. We will have time of large group discussion and break out into smaller groups too. Come build holy friendships.

Contact Mary Rose with questions at FiatLadies@proton.me



We are happy to participate in the Lonsdale Area Food Shelf Sharing Tree, and hope you will help.

The wish-list gift tags with items requested to be purchased are available for pickup in the back of the church. Please sign out the tag so we know who has possession of the wish list item.

All gifts must be returned to the back of the church by November 29th so they can be delivered to the families. Place unwrapped gifts (along with the wish-list tag) in the bin at the back of the church. The Lonsdale Food Shelf recommends that donors include a roll of wrapping paper and tape with each gift tag.

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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament!

We will be offering the opportunity for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Saturday, December 5th from 7 am until the 5pm Mass.

Spend time with Jesus this Advent!

Jesus is always waiting for us in the Blessed Sacrament.
He invites you to come, sit with Him, and pray.

Everyone is welcome to come and pray anytime.
Come by yourself or bring the whole family.
Stop by for five minutes or spend a whole hour!

Since during exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Jesus cannot be left unattended, we need to have all of the hours covered, so please sign up! (Must be 18 to signup for your own hour.)

Sign up in the back of Church, or by contacting the parish office.
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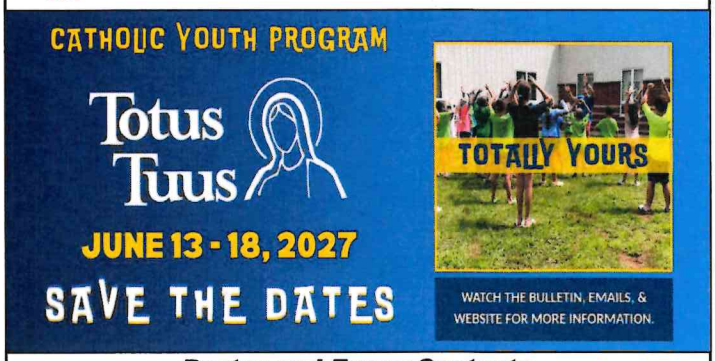

Poster and Essay Contests

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Youth in **grades K - 8th** are invited to enter a original work of art on the theme "Keep Christ in Christmas"

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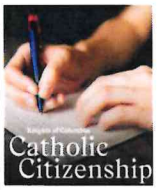

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"The rights of man come not from the generosity of the state but from the hand of God"

Entry form can be picked up in the back of the church.

All entries are due back by December 13th

Contact: Dave Stepka - dave.stepka@gmail.com

Area events/retreats

Black Friday Barn Dance at Barta Pumpkins, New Prague, Fri., Nov. 27, 6-10pm
Fun for all ages. Free entry. Swing and Line Dancing. Bring a snack to share. Questions contact Allison 651-364-0601

Country Style Breakfast at St. Scholastica Church in Heidelberg, Sun. Nov. 29
Serving from 8:30am to 12:30: Scrambled eggs and ham, pancakes, country-style fried potatoes, sweet breads, desserts, coffee, milk, and orange juice. Adults: $12, children 3-12: $7 under 3: free

CHILD CARE FOR DATE NIGHT

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4TH, 5-9PM

Take your spouse on a date!
Go out to eat
Do some early Christmas shopping
Have some quality one-on-one time together

Many couples don't go on regular dates because it can be difficult and expensive to line up a babysitter. So we are organizing this special night to make it easy for you.

We will provide childcare on
Friday, December 4th, between 5pm – 9pm,
for all children who are at least potty trained and older.

Our teens will watch the kids and play games with them in the Immaculate Conception Parish Hall while you are able to spend quality time with your spouse.

We are asking $5 per child younger than middle school.

This is also a regularly scheduled Middle School Youth Group night, so middle schoolers are especially encouraged to attend from 6pm-8pm, with or without younger siblings.

High schoolers are also most welcome, and we'll put them to work to help with watching the younger ones. :)

This event is limited for parishioners or friends of the parish.
RSVP deadline is December 1st:
https://forms.gle/wKGEdNvT4fRwFQom6

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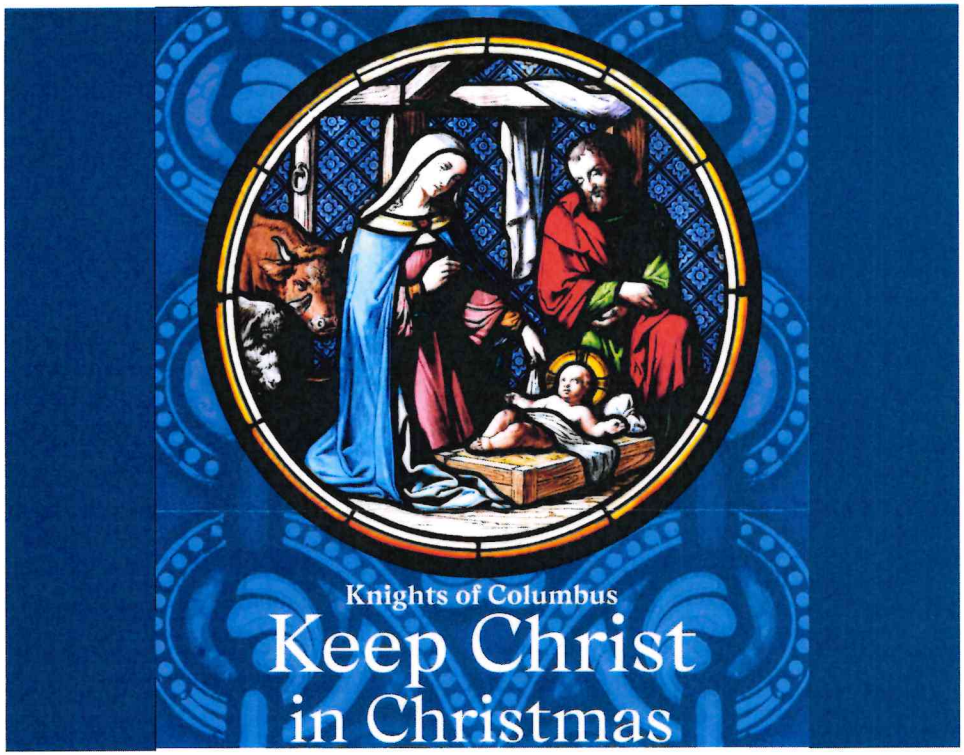

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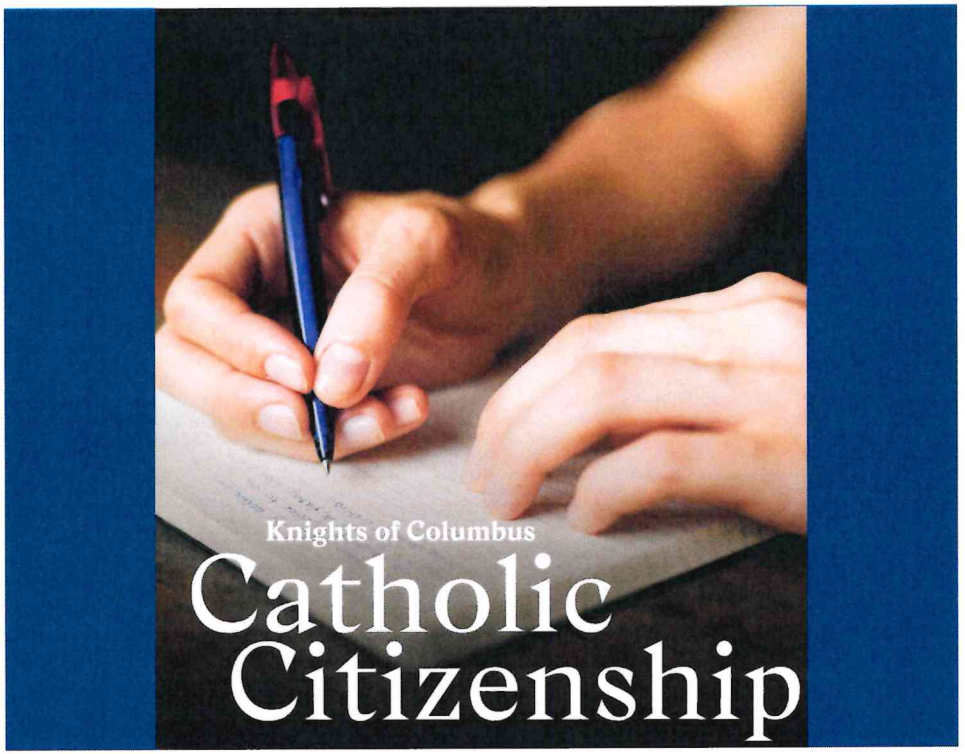

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