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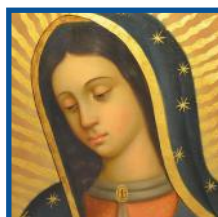
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## From the Grand Knight

*Brother Knight and Families,*

*As we approach the holy season of Christmas, I want to take a moment to reflect on what truly unites us as Knights of Columbus. Amid the joyful bustle, gatherings, and traditions, we are called to keep Christ at the center of Christmas—not only in our words, but in our actions, our service, and the way we carry ourselves as Catholic men of faith.*

*The world around us can often blur the meaning of this sacred time, but we are reminded that the birth of Christ is a gift of hope, humility, and unconditional love. This season is an opportunity—indeed, a responsibility—to share that light with others. Whether through charitable works, supporting our parish community, or offering quiet kindness to those in need, we continue the mission entrusted to us as Knights.*

*But our values do not stop on December 26th. The principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism must live in our hearts throughout the year. Let us carry the spirit of Christmas forward into the New Year, renewing our commitment to be men of action, service, and faith. May our council continue strengthening its bond and deepening its impact on those we serve.*

*On behalf of the entire leadership team, I wish you and your families a blessed and joy-filled Christmas, and a healthy, prosperous New Year. May Christ's peace be with you now and always.*

**Vivat Jesus,**

**Jeff Christian, Grand Knight**



**Join us each month at 6:45 before the Council meeting to recite the Holy Rosary with your Brother Knights! Contact Ethan Apsley for details. If you don't have a rosary, we'll give you one!!!**

**Advent Lenten Penance Service**  
**Wed Dec 10 - SV - Penance service at 6:30p**



# The Feast of the **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION** December 8

***O Immaculata, Queen of Heaven and earth, refuge of sinners and our most loving Mother, God has willed to entrust the entire order of mercy to you. I, a repentant sinner, cast myself at your feet, humbly imploring you to take me with all that I am and have, wholly to yourself as your possession and property. Please make of me, of all my powers of soul and body, of my whole life, death and eternity whatever most pleases you.***

***If it pleases you, use all that I am and have without reserve, wholly to accomplish what was said of you: "She will crush your head," and "You alone have destroyed all heresies in the whole world." Let me be a fit instrument in your immaculate and merciful hands for introducing and increasing your glory to the maximum in all the many strayed and indifferent souls, and thus help extend as far as possible the blessed kingdom of the most Sacred Heart of Jesus. For wherever you enter you obtain the grace of conversion and growth in holiness, since it is through your hands that all graces come to us from the most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Allow me to praise you, O Sacred Virgin. Give me strength against your enemies. Amen.***

**- St Maximilian Kolbe**

The Immaculate Conception is the doctrine that the Virgin Mary was free of original sin from the moment of her conception. It is one of the four Marian dogmas of the Catholic Church, along with Mary's Divine Motherhood, Perpetual Virginity, and Assumption. Debated by medieval theologians, it was not defined as a dogma until 1854, by Pope Pius IX in the papal bull *Ineffabilis Deus*.

**What it is:** The belief that Mary was conceived without original sin. God granted her this privilege at the moment of her conception, preserving her from all "stains of original sin."

**What it is not:** It is not the virginal conception of Jesus. Jesus's conception by the Holy Spirit is celebrated at the Annunciation on March 25, nine months before Christmas.

## **Immaculate Conception\* - Monday, December 8, 2025 - A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

Mon Dec 8 - 7:15a - SJ, 1/2 hr special  
Mon Dec 8- 8:15a - SJ, School  
Mon Dec 8 - 5p - SV  
Mon Dec 8 - 7p - SJ, Bilingual

# Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe



Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, conocida comúnmente como la Virgen de Guadalupe, es una aparición mariana de la Iglesia católica de origen mexicano, cuya imagen tiene su principal centro de culto en la Basílica de Guadalupe, ubicada en las faldas del cerro del Tepeyac, en el norte de la Ciudad de México.

De acuerdo al relato guadalupano conocido como Nican mopohua (1556) que narra que tras la primera aparición, la Virgen ordenó a Juan Diego que se presentara ante el primer obispo de México, Juan de Zumárraga, para decirle que le erigieran un templo el cual recogió la tradición oral mexicana, y lo descrito por otros documentos históricos como el códice Escalada (1548), el Nican Motecpana (1590), Nican Tlantica, el Huei Tlamahuizoltica (1649) y otros documentos, María, la madre de Jesús se apareció en cuatro ocasiones al indígena chichimeca Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin en el cerro del Tepeyac, y en una ocasión a Juan Bernardino, tío de Juan Diego. El obispo Juan de Zumárraga pidió una prueba a Juan Diego, pues era escéptico a dicha aparición. En la última aparición de la Virgen y por orden suya, Juan Diego llevó en su ayate unas rosas de Castilla que cortó en el Tepeyac y se dirigió al palacio del obispado. Al desplegar su ayate ante Juan de Zumárraga, dejó al

descubierto la imagen de la Virgen María, cuyos rasgos han sido interpretados como "mestizos" a pesar de ser de piel mucho más clara que su homónima española. El parecido entre esa figura y la bordada en el entonces por todos conocido Pendón de Hernán Cortés sería la causa de que se le denominara Virgen de Guadalupe.

Según el Nican Mopohua, texto hagiográfico publicado en el siglo XVII, las apariciones tuvieron lugar en 1531, ocurriendo la cuarta el 12 de diciembre de ese mismo año. La fuente más importante que las relata fue el mismo Juan Diego, que habría contado todo lo que había acontecido. Posteriormente esta tradición oral fue recogida en un escrito con sonido náhuatl pero con caracteres latinos; este escrito es llamado el Nican mopohua, y es atribuido al indígena Antonio Valeriano (1522-1605). Posteriormente, en 1648, es publicado el libro Imagen de la Virgen María Madre de Dios de Guadalupe por el presbítero Miguel Sánchez, contribuyendo a recopilar todo lo que se sabía en la época sobre la devoción guadalupana.

Según diversos investigadores, el culto guadalupano es una de las creencias más históricamente arraigadas en el actual México y parte de su identidad, y ha estado presente en el desarrollo como país desde el siglo XVI [8] incluso en sus procesos sociales más importantes como la Independencia de México, la de Reforma, la Revolución mexicana y en la sociedad mexicana actual, en donde cuenta con millones de fieles, algunos de ellos profesantes como guadalupanos sin ser necesariamente parte del catolicismo. Las raíces devocionales primigenias de esta imagen estarían en la Virgen de Guadalupe de Extremadura, por la cual tenían devoción los conquistadores españoles.

## Horas de la Santa Misa por Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

Fri, Dec 12 - 8:15am School Mass -SJ

Fri, Dec 12 - 7pm Spanish - SJ

# Our Lady of Guadalupe

Our Lady of Guadalupe (Spanish: Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe), also known as the Virgin of Guadalupe (Spanish: Virgen de Guadalupe), is a Catholic title of the Blessed Virgin Mary associated with four Marian apparitions to Juan Diego and one to his uncle, Juan Bernardino reported in December 1531, when the Mexican territories were part of the Spanish Empire.

Pope Leo XIII granted a decree of canonical coronation for the image on 8 February 1887. The rite of coronation was executed by the former Archbishop of Mexico, Próspero Alarcón y Sánchez de la Barquera on 12 October 1895. Pope Paul VI raised the shrine to the status of Minor Basilica via his Pontifical decree titled *Sacra illa Ædes* on 6 October 1976. It is the most-visited Catholic shrine in the world, and the world's third most-visited sacred site.

According to the *Nican Mopohua*, included in the 17th-century *Huei tlamahuiçoltica*, written in Nahuatl, the Virgin Mary appeared four times to Juan Diego, a Chichimec peasant, and once to his uncle, Juan Bernardino. The first apparition occurred on the morning of Saturday, December 9, 1531 (Julian calendar, which is December 19 on the (proleptic) Gregorian calendar in present use). Juan Diego experienced a vision of a young woman at a place called the Hill of Tepeyac, which later became part of Villa de Guadalupe, in a suburb of Mexico City.

According to the accounts, the woman, speaking to Juan Diego in Nahuatl, his first language and the language of the former Aztec Empire, identified herself as the Mary, "mother of the very true deity". She was said to have asked for a church to be erected at that site in her honor.[4]

Based on her words, Juan Diego then sought the Archbishop of Mexico City, Juan de Zumárraga, to tell him what had happened. Not unexpectedly, the Archbishop did not believe Diego. Later the same day, Juan Diego saw the young woman again (the second apparition), and she asked him to continue insisting.

The next day, Sunday, December 10, 1531, in the Julian calendar, Juan Diego spoke to the Archbishop a second time. The latter instructed him to return to Tepeyac and to ask the woman for a truly acceptable, miraculous sign to prove her identity. Later that day, the third apparition appeared when Juan Diego returned to Tepeyac; encountering the same woman, he reported to her the Archbishop's request for a sign, which she consented to provide on the next day (December 11).

According to the story, the Virgin arranged the flowers in Juan Diego's *tilmàtli* or cloak, and when Juan Diego opened his cloak later that day before Archbishop Zumárraga, the flowers fell to the floor, revealing on the fabric the image of the Virgin.

The next day, December 13, Juan Diego found his uncle fully recovered as the Virgin had assured him, and Juan Bernardino recounted that he also had seen her after praying at his bedside (fifth apparition); that she had instructed him to inform the Archbishop of this apparition and of his miraculous cure; and that she had told him she desired to be known under the title of "Guadalupe."



## Mass times for Our Lady of Guadalupe

Fri, Dec 12 - 8:15am School Mass -SJ

Fri, Dec 12 - 7pm Spanish - SJ



# Daughters of Isabella

## Our Sisters in Service



### **Who was Isabella la Católica ?**

Queen Isabel was born in Alcázar, Kingdom of Ávila, Spain, on April 22, 1451. She married Ferdinand, heir of Aragon, at 18 years of age, on October 19, 1469.

She was crowned Queen of Castille on December 13, 1474, and lived much of her life under duress of severe struggles for power within the State. Along with King Ferdinand, she launched Christopher Columbus' greatest voyage of history and therefore is perhaps better known for her benevolent sponsorship of the discoveries of the new world where Christianity was yet unknown.

A brave and virtuous woman, in addition to adversity, she also had to contend with her own personal tragedy, losing prematurely many of the persons closest to her, including a son and a daughter.

The National Daughters of Isabella was founded in New Haven, CT, in 1897. Although not officially affiliated with the Knights of Columbus (since the KofC does not grant permission to any organization to affiliate with it) the National Daughters of Isabella have always worked in conjunction with them. With their motto of "Unity, Friendship, Charity," the group is open to practicing Catholic women.

Members of the D of I work in sympathy and accord with the Catholic Church, to combine the resources of Catholic women to promote the social and religious up-building of women, promoting the high ideals of life and morals, and to create a mightier force for the advancement of good in the world.

Locally, the Daughters of Isabella, St Rose of Lima Circle 73 boasts 77 members on its roster and is led by Regent (the President, or equivalent of Grand Knight), Billie Stieneker. The group has been actively serving both St Joseph and St Vincent parishes since 1918, and meets monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at Columbian Homes.

"We do a lot in support of St. Elizabeth|Coleman," Billie says, "including providing donations and support for their infant nursery program." St. Elizabeth|Coleman is a licensed, nonprofit adoption agency, located in Indianapolis, providing full-service birth parent and adoptive parent preparation - see [www.givingbirthtohope.org](http://www.givingbirthtohope.org) for more information.

The D of I also sponsor multiple Holy Masses throughout the year for Queen Isabella, for their departed members, and for other purposes. They hold two major fundraising events annually - a Salad Luncheon on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of June and a Game & Card Night in October.

For more information on D of I events or membership, contact Billie Stieneker directly at 317.402.5135.



**Sacred Heart Council 822**  
**Knight of the Month**

*Mark 10:45 - "For the Son of man himself came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."*

*This Brother Knight continues to give his time to the Church and the Council without looking for affirmation.*

*One of the most selfless Brother Knights I know, and the guy that keeps our financials in order*

*... Mark Beck*

*- Jeff Christian, Grand Knight*



**Wed Dec 24 - 4p Children's Mass - SJ**

**Wed Dec 24 - 5:30p Christmas Eve Mass - SV**

**Wed Dec 24 - 7p Spanish Christmas Eve Mass - SJ**

**Thu Dec 25 - Midnight Mass - SJ**

**Thu Dec 25 - 9a Christmas Day Mass - SJ**  
***(Christmas Day is a Holy Day of Obligation)***



## VOLUNTEERS

# IN THE SPOTLIGHT

## STAFF

### 20+ YEARS OF WINGING IT

#### ***Beyer/Nuthak crew serves up wings and shrimp to Wednesday night crowd***

Wings, shrimp, and fries are a staple at Columbian Homes on Wednesdays for the raffle events, but they don't fry and sauce themselves! An all-star crew works hard every Tuesday to prep and Wednesday to cook this popular feast, and here is one crew who've been making it happen for more than two decades.

**JON BEYER** - Jon is the self-identified "sauce man" who masquerades as an unassuming Indianapolis Power & Light utility guy by day. His parents were involved at the Hall and he was exposed to giving back as a kid.

**TOM NUTHAK** - The youngest of the Nuthak clan, Tom's day job is selling insurance alongside his brother Steve. His claim to fame for Wednesdays is as the expert celery washer/cutter, and he enjoys the camaraderie.

**AMY BEYER and DEANNA NUTHAK** - The better halves of Jon and Tom, Amy and Deanna are the queens of



hospitality, serving up food as fast as it comes from the kitchen. Amy works at Knauf and Deanna is a sales and education professional and both say donating their time is all about being with friends and family.

**TIM COOMES** - Tim, an engineer, is the Crispy Cook, making sure your shrimp is perfect and your fries are hot!



### PATTY DAVIS

Our resident bar manager, Patty schedules the bartenders, orders the bar supplies, bartends when necessary, and overall makes sure the bar is running smoothly and correctly.

She is retired from Knauf after working there for 27 years.

In her spare time, however infrequent that is, she enjoys playing golf and spending time with her grandkids.



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# The COR men's group meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 7p at Columbian Homes.

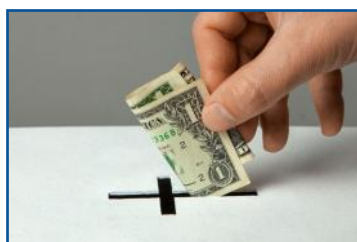
*There will be no meeting on Dec 23.*

*All men are welcome - you need not be a Knight to participate*

**Contact Brother Ethan Apsley for details.**



## Your Council and Your Impact



***In November, your Council #822 donated:***

- ***\$100 to Seminarian Antonio Harbert to support his studies***
- ***\$651 to the St Joe capital campaign from the chicken dinner***

*In order to continue these good works, we rely on you! Thank you for your dues, donations, and support!.*

## Knights of Columbus, Sacred Heart Council #822

Meeting at Columbian Homes, 413 E South St, Shelbyville, IN 46176 - tel: 317.398.9914

Monday-Friday, 3p - close; Saturday, 9a - close



## Your 2025-2026 Council Officers

<b>Grand Knight:</b> Jeff Christian (also serves as Retention Director)	<b>Chaplain:</b> Father Mike Keucher
<b>Deputy Grand Knight:</b> Mark Welch	<b>Chancellor:</b> Jim Boksa (also serves as Membership Director)
<b>Financial Secretary:</b> Patrick Bohman	<b>Recorder:</b> Michael Daniels (also serves as Program Director)
<b>Treasurer:</b> Mark Beck	<b>Advocate:</b> Steve Goebel
<b>Warden:</b> Edgar Flores <b>Inside Guard:</b> Angelo Dellapenna	<b>Outside Guard:</b> Ethan Apsley (also serves as Evangelization and Faith Formation Director)
<b>Lecturer:</b> Randy Foreman (also serves as Family Director) <b>Community Director:</b> Jim Kozinski	<b>One Year Trustee:</b> John Schoentrup <b>Two Year Trustee:</b> Dan Weaver

## Recurring Events

- » 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month: Council business meeting, 7p. All Knights welcome.
- » 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month: Columbian Homes meeting, 7p. All Knights welcome.
- » 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month - COR group - men's faith and formation, 7p. All men welcome - you need not be a Knight.
- FOR MEALS AND BAR TABS. THE CLUB ACCEPTS CREDIT CARDS AT THE BAR!!**
- » Wednesday nights: choice of wings or shrimp dinner (6-8p), drawing & 50/50 raffle.  
1/2 order (5 pc w/fries) - \$9; Full order (10 pc w/fries) - \$13; Fries only - \$2. Open to the public.
- » Thursday nights: BINGO! (6:30p). Open to the public. - **NO BINGO ON THANKSGIVING DAY**
- » Friday nights: dinner (6-8p) - Open to the public. - NOTE: PRICES HAVE MODERATELY INCREASED DUE TO FOOD AND OVERHEAD COSTS  
Steak nights will be at market price, all other meals will be \$15  
December meals will be served on December 5, 12, and 19. No meals on Dec 26 or Jan 2.
- » Saturday lunch: Hamburger, cheeseburger, breaded or grilled tenderloin - \$6; with fries, - \$9. Open to the public.

Please email story suggestions to our Recorder, Michael Daniels, at [mdanielscmh@gmail.com](mailto:mdanielscmh@gmail.com).



The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization, dedicated to promoting charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism, and supporting Catholic causes and families. Founded by Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney in 1882, the Knights of Columbus welcomes practicing Catholic men aged 18 or older who are in union with the Holy See. We are Men on a Mission, committed to a Catholic brotherhood that is changing the world. For more information, visit [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org) or [www.sacredheartcouncil822.org](http://www.sacredheartcouncil822.org)

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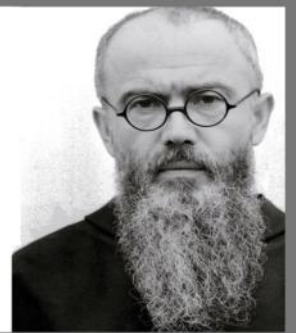


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