



Knights of Columbus
Chisholm Trail Council #9368
Round Rock Texas
Saint William Catholic Church
January 2023

Brother Knights,

I want to wish the entire council and their families a happy, prosperous, and blessed New Year! As we hear in mass, Christmas is still going on strong in the church, even though the secular world would have you think it has ended as early as Dec. 26.

The Christmas Season (for Catholics) runs from December 25 until the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, the day after the Feast of the Epiphany (usually the second Sunday of January). So, keep playing your joyful Christmas music and leave up your Christmas tree and decorations until the celebration of Epiphany!

Fun fact: Centuries ago, the baptism of Christ was the primary event celebrated as part of the feast of the Epiphany, along with the visit of the Magi and other events from the childhood of Jesus. Epiphany means “manifestation” or “appearance.” So, while the baptism of Christ marks the beginning of his public ministry, it is also part of his “manifestation” or “appearance” —one of the events signaling that God has broken into human history in a unique way.

As always, our council had a busy December. I hope that everyone who attended the Council Christmas party had a good time. It was good to see the families, especially the young babies that were there. Next year I would like to put more planning into the event so that we can have more members and the clergy in attendance.

Also in December was the Church hosted "Posada" event. While the Knights were not asked to provide any services, it was a fun event to attend. The beautiful prayers and songs were followed by delicious snacks and desserts.

On a sad note, Brother Clark Johnson passed away in Mid-December. Thanks to the Brother Knights that attended either the viewing/rosary or the funeral.

What really made an impression on me during the Christmas season was the importance of church, friends, and family during the holiday season. I truly enjoy seeing all my friends while spending time at church. For me personally, I had all 4 of my kids, and their significant others, staying with us in anticipation of my son's wedding. It was great that they all joined us in celebration of the mass even though they are not all Catholic.

As you have all heard by now, there is a Mara-family wedding happening this Friday in Dallas. Please send Trevor & Emily, and the entire families, your prayers. Family and friends are coming from Michigan, California, Tennessee, North Dakota, New York, and Oklahoma. I pray for good health and safe travels for all.

Thanks and God Bless,
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Upcoming Events:

January 4<sup>th</sup>  
Business Meeting  
7 pm in the Pavilion (6:30pm Rosary)

January 7<sup>th</sup>  
First Friday Adoration  
4am in the Adoration Chapel (followed by fellowship)

January 28<sup>th</sup>

Casino – Annunciation Home School

February 7<sup>th</sup>

Clergy Appreciation

St. Helens

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