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NEWS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST. LOUIS COUNCIL 3335



Brother Knight Tim Stapleton and his wife Chrissy were the first couple from St. Louis Church's younger generation to bring their children for a week at Catholic Familyland, a few miles above Steubenville off of Route 22. They all liked it so much that other families in the Stapleton-Davison clan will join them next year. It was a pray and play family retreat with a lot of fun and great fellowship with other Catholic families, consisting of very lively daily Mass in the morning followed by a sort of Vacation Bible School for different groups from pre-school to college. There was also a program for parents. The afternoons consisted of a 300 foot water slide, swimming, sports, ponyback riding, etc. The evenings included a bonfire with rosary and marshmallows, dancing, skits, speakers, etc. Each day there's ample time for Eucharistic Adoration and Confession. Families stay in cabins (capacity for up to eight children), RV's, tents, or motels.

Next to Tim on the extreme right is Chrissy holding Baby Lucia. She is flanked by Aubree and Riley in the back with Josiah, Eden and Zeke in front. Paul and John-Paul Sebastian, both Knights, are with Jaga and Naomi. Paul and Jaga came to visit their son and daughter who gave their entire summer to serve families. John-Paul (a Math teacher in a Catholic school in Montrose, Colorado) and Naomi (a Nursing student at Franciscan University of Steubenville) only received room & board, but were enriched by the experience of community life, spiritual formation, and working with youth. For more information visit familyland.org or call the Apostolate for Family Consecration, 1-800-FOR-MARY.

The Apostolate for Family Consecration was founded in 1975 by Jerry Coniker and his deceased saintly wife Gwen, parents of 12 children. They restored the former seminary grounds of the Diocese of Steubenville, where Fr. Bill Myers studied many years ago. The heart of the apostolate is a permanent community of three priests plus lay men and

women, who take life-long promises of poverty, chastity, and obedience. The Apostolate promotes families, the fundamental building blocks of society, through their retreats, conferences, publications, and videos for EWTN, etc.

September Activities and Announcements

- 1. A Boat Ride on the Ohio River Sunday August 30 from 6 pm to 8 pm** –for 4th and 3rd Degree knights and their guests. Each participant is asked to bring a covered dish. The cost is \$10 per person. Meet in Marietta At the Front St. dock. Confirm with Ken Offenberger at (740)374-2943.
- 2. The Knights continue to sponsor and lead the rosary 25 to 30 minutes before the Masses of the first Saturday and first Sunday** of the month. For September it's *Saturday the 5th* and *Sunday the 6th*. The next rosary will be the week-end of October 3-4. The first *monthly Family Rosary in the City Park* will be on Saturday September 12 at noon. The second will be the *annual Public Square Rosary Rally* to commemorate the Miracle of the Sun in Fatima on October 17 at noon. The miracle was seen over a radius of 25 miles (see americanedsfatima.org).
- 3. Eucharistic Adoration - Sunday September 13 After the 10 am Mass**. The Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will conclude with Vespers and Benediction at 4 pm. It would be great to have a Knights of Columbus Honor Guard there. Brother Knight, if you come for adoration, please kneel/sit in the front row on the left for as long as you desire, be it only 15 minutes or more. You don't have to be in regalia. Bruce Davison usually occupies the first row on the right for most of the time, including the all-nighters. You can do spiritual reading; converse with the Lord; and share your innermost thoughts and concerns with Him to obtain healing and strength to keep going.. The recommended community intention for September is family stability.
- 4. K of C Benefit Breakfast - Sunday September 13 after the 8 am and 10 am Masses** (2nd Sunday of each month) for St. Louis K of C Council Charities. It will be great fellowship and delicious food with a lot of love added to it to strengthen our parish community. Bring your family and friends. Every breakfast benefits one of the Knights of Columbus charities or scholarships. This breakfast will help to support Brother Knight Michael Stapleton, our parish representative at World Youth Day in Krakow-Poland July 25-31 (see worldyouthday.com). The theme is Mercy. *We need your help* to setup and prepare the food at 7 am, washing dishes, and cleaning up after each of the two breakfasts.
- 5. Second and Third Degree Initiation of Knights** –*Sunday September 27 at noon* in the Knights of Columbus Ironton Council Hall. All faithful 1st Degree Knights are invited to advance and learn more about the Knights of Columbus, focusing on the virtues of unity and fraternity. The candidates will go together. Call Grand Knight Bruce Davison at (740-256-1427). The first degree focuses on charity and the 4th degree on patriotism.
- 6. Monthly Business Dinner Meeting - Monday September 28 at 6:30 pm**. We have great fellowship at dinner and the input of every knight is most valuable at the meeting as we make decisions regarding future activities. Our Council is as strong as each knight makes it. We will pray the rosary before the meeting inside the church at 5:45 pm. We cannot be an effective Council without the Lord's help and guidance.
- 7. Large Donation of Books and Videos by a Brother Knight for the Parish School of Religion Library in the Parish Hall and the Home School Library** at the home of Tim and Chrissy Stapleton. The donation includes many books and videos on the faith, the saints, Bible stories, and movie features that teach virtue with questions for discussion. The books and videos for the Home School Library are more general, but most teach values and virtue through novels and movies. Anybody in the parish may borrow these materials. Trust is maintained through a sign-out sheet.
- 8. Knights of Columbus Insurance Named One of the World's Most Ethical Companies by the Ethisphere Institute for the second year in a row**. "All Knights should be proud of this tremendous honor and achievement. We are part of a fraternal benefit society that puts integrity above all else. Tremendous though it is, being one of the world's most ethical companies is not just an achievement; it's our legacy and our responsibility. We owe it to

our founder, to our Church, and to our members.” K of C Insurance and retirement products with \$92 billion of insurance in force is rated among the very top insurance companies in the world in financial stability and security with a superior A++ rating. Premiums are lower than other insurance companies because members are faithful Catholics who are less likely to fall into unhealthy and risky life styles. Any profits do not go to stockholders, but to K of C charities and rebates to its policy holders. Call Nathan Frazee, your local field agent, at 740-853-3784 or 740-256-1689. He would be happy to help you and review your life insurance needs.