



January 2016

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



Deputy Grand Knight David Stapleton, Brother Knight Tim Stapleton, and prospective knight Scott Lewis brought their families to pray in front of an abortion clinic in Columbus in October. Fewer clients came that day because of their presence. Abbey Johnson, once a Planned Parenthood official, asserts that people peacefully and silently praying in front of an abortion are very effective witnesses. It affected her personally. Several of our brother knights are prominent in the Gallia County Right to Life group. The informative website mentioned above, www.gctrl.org, is maintained by the Greater Columbus Right to Life and has many resources. Members of the Knights of Columbus will again be marching with the St. Louis Council 3335 banner at the annual March for Life in Washington D.C. on January 21-22. A bus will be stopping at St.

Louis Church early Thursday morning. There is still room for about 20 people. Contact John Spencer at GI_john32@yahoo.com or john.spencer@kofc.org or call him at (740) 444-9632.

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE FOR YOUR MARRIAGE TODAY? Marriage entails giving yourself completely to your wife and the two of you become one. The fruits of that intimate union are children. Each sacred marital act is a renewal of the marriage covenant of complete mutual self-giving. Civil marriage is a mere contract that can be dissolved; sacramental marriage is a sacred covenant.....permanent, exclusive, and life giving. That is the essence of the Theology of the Body which is traditional Church teaching that St. Pope John Paul II clarified and deepened our understanding of it. Love your wife as Christ loves the Church. Pray for her daily and together too. Let Christ be the center of your marriage and family with the Holy Family your model.

January Activities and Announcements

1. **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 January it's *Saturday the 2nd and Sunday the 3rd*. The next rosary will be the week-end of February 6-7.
2. **Eucharistic Adoration - Sunday January 3, the Feast of the Epiphany, 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. Grand Knight 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 January is the Pro-Life Movement.....the elimination of abortion, euthanasia, and illicit research.
3. **K of C Benefit Breakfast - Sunday January 10 after the 8 am and 10 am Masses** (2nd Sunday of each month) for the poor of Gallia County. 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. This one will benefit the poor of Gallia County. *We need your help* to setup and prepare the food at 7 am, washing dishes, and cleaning up after each meal.
4. **A Very Effective Natural Family Planning Course in complete conformity with Church teaching** was proposed. They are given throughout the . Show your interest by contacting Mike Ours at (740) 256-6730..
5. **Monthly Business Dinner Meeting - Monday January 25 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 or Parish Conference Room at 5:45 pm. We cannot be an effective Council without the Lord's help and guidance.
6. **Sunday January 31 – Knights of Columbus 5th Sunday Mass at 10 am.** Please come in regalia if you can. We will meet for the entering procession at 9:45. Your presence makes a difference and supports our efforts.
7. **Large Donation of Children's 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 through a sign-out sheet. It is most important that PSR students read. CCD alone is not enough.

- 8. Four Year Knights of Columbus Scholarships to KofC members and their children, who will be entering a Catholic college next Fall as freshmen.** The amount is \$1,500 per year (total \$6,000). Write jean.graney@kofc.org for an application. You may also call Nathan Frazee, your local field agent, at 740-853-3784 or 740-256-1689. He would be happy to help you and also review your life insurance needs. K of C Life Insurance is among the very top rated life insurance providers in the entire United States. Any profits are used for rebates to its members and charity. Usually they award about 20 scholarships and the deadline is March 1.