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



The 2016 First Communion Class from left to right: Blaise Davison, Sophia Sola, Michaelanne Ours, and Olivia Angel. All four of their fathers are knights. Their teacher, Jaga Sebastian and our pastor, Fr. Thomas Hamm are in the background. The local Knights of Columbus put on a very well attended breakfast reception for our First Communicants on their momentous day. In the photo on the right Jim Ryan, former Grand Knight, John Payne, our master cook, and Mike Haas are busy at work. Ella Bokovitz is giving a hand.

**WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR YOUR MARRIAGE TODAY?** One of the wives submitted a quote from Jimmy Evans, a pastor and noted marriage counselor. *“Instead of looking at your spouse and trying to change her, look at yourself.* Suppose that you could be married to yourself. Would you marry you? If you are truly honest, you’ll find things in yourself that you would not want to be married to. Pray to God to help you change these things in yourself. If each spouse would do this and trust in God, the Lord would help you to be a better spouse to each other. He is the only one who gives us the will to change what He already knows needs changed in ourselves. After all, if you wouldn’t marry yourself, is it really good for your marriage to expect your spouse to be married to you?

**THOUGHTS FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT.** Imagine how poor our parish would be without the Knights of Columbus. To all knights who are not helping out and not doing their share, reflect on how poor our parish

would be. In other words, WE NEED YOU! For our archive of past newsletters go to our parish website at [www.stlouiscatholicchurchgallia.org](http://www.stlouiscatholicchurchgallia.org) .

**Our sale of crosses was a big success.** The forty crosses made in the Holy Land quickly sold out. Thank you for your help. Half of the profits go to the craftsman of the Holy Land and the rest will be used to help Christian refugees there.

**Thank you all for your help with the Men's Conference.** The greatest number ever from our parish, 19 men in all journeyed to Caldwell early in the morning. The great majority were knights. Our council not only promoted it, but also helped to underwrite it with a donation. This annual Lenten mini-pilgrimage was an act of love to God as a sacrifice and penance to educate ourselves in the faith, thus equipping ourselves to evangelize our families and others as the opportunity arises. Another delegation of four knights also went to the Men's Conference in Erie with Tim Staples and Fr. Larry Richards as the main speakers.

### May 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 May it's ***Sunday the 1<sup>st</sup> and Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup>***. The next rosary will on the week end of June 4-5. After the Mass, the Rosary is the most perfect prayer which Mary gave us.
2. **Eucharistic Adoration on Sunday May 1 after the 10 am Mass until 4 pm.** Please kneel/sit in the front row left as part of a Knights of Columbus Honor Guard. You can do spiritual reading; converse with the Lord; listen to Him; and share your innermost thoughts and concerns with Him to obtain healing and strength to keep going. With Pentecost coming up on May 15, the recommended community intention for May is that the Holy Spirit instill courage and manliness in our men as an antidote to the Crisis of Manhood (You can obtain the original text of Bishop Olmsted's and a short video on the subject by clicking [www.IntoTheBreach.net](http://www.IntoTheBreach.net) The ***next Eucharistic Adoration will probably be on the feast of Corpus Christi May 29.***
3. **K of C Mothers' Day Breakfast to honor the mothers or our children - Sunday May 8 after the 8 am and 10 am Masses.** Any money donated will be given to the Right to Life Movement since Mothers nurture unborn life within themselves under their hearts until birth. 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. Everyone in the parish is invited to make this day special for the mothers in our parish. Don't fight the long lines in crowded restaurants.
4. **Monthly Business Dinner Meeting - Monday May 23 at 6:30 pm with Rosary at 5:45pm in the Conference Room.** Nominations for office will be the main point of business. Elections will be during the June meeting and installation will be in July. 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. ***The next 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month Dinner Meeting will be on Monday June 27 at 6:30 pm with Rosary at 5:45 pm.***
5. **Cleanup of Cemetery Day Saturday May 28 following Mass at 8 am.** The men will prepare the cemetery for Memorial Day. The men should be finished by noon. Volunteers will be needed to mow over the summer.
6. **Knights of Columbus Fifth Sunday Mass – Sunday May 29 at 10 am.** The 4<sup>th</sup> Degree knights will process in full regalia and make the Mass more beautiful and impressive than it already is. The knights will do it all; Fr. Tom is also a knight. We will all ***meet in the back of the church at 9:45 am.***
7. **Measure Up Donations for the Mentally Disabled will be collected on Sunday May 29.** The collection is national, but the money we collect will be used to help local institutions.....GDC, Guiding Hand, and Woodland.

8. **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.
  
9. **Call Nathan Frazee, your local K of C Insurance 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 world. The profits from the life insurance do not go to the stockholders as with for-profit enterprises, but are distributed to its policyholders in rebates and to Knights of Columbus charities.