



December 2017

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



This year the Fifth Sunday Knights of Columbus Mass coincided with Confirmation Sunday. The Knights served in all functions. Bishop Jeffrey Monforton, the main celebrant, is a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knight. He actually prefers the presence of the knights in regalia as an honor guard because it adds something to the ceremonial aspect of the Mass and ritual of the sacrament of Confirmation. Our pastor and Council Chaplain, Fr. Thomas Hamm concelebrated. The picture includes the new recipients of the sacrament of Confirmation and their sponsors. They are from left to right: Emmanuel Valadez\*, Juan Ortiz, Kiley Stapleton\*, Robyn Nance\*, Wendy Nance, Fr. Thomas Hamm, Cadence Stapleton, Allan Stapleton, Bishop Jeffrey Monforton, Robert Burdette, Justin McClelland\*, Austin Stapleton\*, Merry Stapleton, Teresa McConnell, Gretchen McConnell\*, Tony Easton\*, and Kaitlyn Easton\*. The knights gave each recipient (indicated by an “\*”) a rosary from the Holy Land as a gift. The lead teacher, Pam Withrow Dovyak, received an award in recognition of 30 years of faithful service to the Parish School of Religion. Thank you, Pam. You touched the lives of hundreds of people from three generations. May our new soldiers of Christ be always faithful to the Church and its teachings; defend it when verbally attacked.

**WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR YOUR MARRIAGE TODAY?** *Show affection frequently.* Don't be one of those: “I said ‘I love you’ when we got married”. Marriage needs constant reinforcement and cultivation. “An apple a day keeps the doctor away”; so they say. A good loving hug a day will keep the lawyer away. At least one hug and a kiss a day with sincere love will help to keep your marriage healthy and strong. How about a hug and a kiss plus an apology for losing it follow an argument before the sun goes down?. A good night kiss is a must. A kiss before leaving for work and upon coming back is important. Leave her a love note once in a while. Go on dates together. Do things together. A reaffirming “I love you” never gets old. If she's a cold fish that day and thinks you're just putting it on, that's OK. If she wants more than talk and tells you, “Show me in

action” because that’s her love language, that’s OK. Work on daily acts of love and mix them with a surprise now and then. Don’t expect her to reciprocate; don’t expect anything in return. Be patient and keep on loving. Be the best husband you can be; be the best father you can be; pray for her every day. Even better is to pray together. She may need time, a lot of time, but she’ll come around. Just keep in there. Love her as Christ loved the Church. Let Christ be the center of your marriage and family with the Holy Family as your model.

**RECRUIT NEW MEMBERS FOR OUR COUNCIL.** We need new blood, real men we can count on to actively participate, to come to meetings, to take leadership roles, and to pull their weight. For example, there is a great need for the key office of financial secretary. Talk up the knights. Tell the guys about the great fellowship, opportunities to serve the parish and community, and the great life insurance program that we have. Then we’ll be ready to send a delegation for the next official induction of new knights. Prospects, contact our grand knight, David Stapleton at 740-612-9848.

### **Activities and Announcements for the Month of December**

1. **Monthly Business Dinner Meeting** - *Monday November 27 at 6:30 pm with Rosary at 5:45 pm in the Parish Hall Chapel.* 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 cannot be an effective Council without the Lord’s help and guidance together with your participation. *There will no meeting in December because of the proximity to Christmas.*
2. **First Saturday Mass and Rosary December 2 at 8 am.** There is also Mass on the other Saturdays of the month at 8 am. The Mass readings are for Saturday while the 5:30 Vigil Mass has the readings for Sunday and thus fulfills the Sunday obligation. On December 10, 1925 Mary appeared to Lucia with the following message in her own words: *"Behold, my daughter, my Heart encircled with thorns, with which ungrateful men pierce it at every moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude. Give me consolation, you, at least; and make known on my behalf that I promise to assist at the hour of death, with the graces necessary for salvation, all who on the First Saturday of five consecutive months confess their sins, receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary, and keep me company for fifteen minutes meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary, with the purpose of making reparation to my Immaculate Heart."*
3. **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 December it’s **Saturday the 2<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday the 3<sup>rd</sup>.** The next rosary will be on the weekend of January 6-7. After the Mass, the Rosary is the most perfect prayer which Mary herself gave us. Our Lady urges us in her Fatima message to pray the rosary for peace daily as a sacrifice for the conversion of sinners; the need is urgent.
4. **All Night and All Day Eucharistic Adoration for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception at the end of the 5:30 pm Mass on Thursday December 7 until the evening Mass at 7 pm on Friday December 8.** It would be great if every knight in our Council would sign up for an hour of the day or night to kneel on the side of our former Grand Knight, thus forming an Honor Guard. 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. 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 prayer intention for December is for reconciliation, understanding, tolerance, and peace within families, communities, among nations, among religions.
5. **Knights of Columbus Fifth Sunday Mass** – *Sunday December 31 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. *Meet in the back of the church at 9:45 am.*
6. **We’ll need your help to put up the Christmas decorations in December.**
7. **Christmas Party for 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights and wives.** Sunday December 10 at 2 pm Marietta K of C Hall.