



December 2018

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



**Viva Cristo Rey! Hail Christ the King! We are knights of Christ the King and Mary our Queen Mother!**

**A Knight's Prayer**

***Lord, you are the Christ, Christ the King, King of the Universe.***

***We are your humble knights ready to serve at your command.***

Use us according to your will,

to serve you and your people well and give you glory.

Don't let us do anything that might dishonor your Holy Name.

We are always your loyal knights from the vigor of our youth to sickness and old age.....

when we will unite our crosses with your cross and offer them for your kingdom on earth.

***Mary, our mother, you are our queen, Queen of Heaven and Earth.***

We are your loyal knights ready to serve at your command.

Use us according to the will of your Son.

Nurture our faith and keep us faithful to the Church and its teachings.

Mother, take us each by the hand and lead us through life to eternity with you and your Son.

***Venerable Father Michael McGivney***, intercede that we effectively continue your work for God and Country

And recruit new members who will be consistently faithful in following your mission.

Pray that we always live up to the ideals of the Knights of Columbus which you founded.

**WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR YOUR MARRIAGE TODAY?** *Work on the little irritants* that keep piling up until one of them breaks the camel's back and causes a marital crisis.....being late; making her wait; not cleaning up after a snack; leaving a mess for her to clean; being sloppy; taking her for granted; forgetting to help with chores, etc., etc., etc. Appreciate her; praise her; thank her for all that she does. Pray for your wife daily and together too.

We would like to have the *Coats For Kids program* again this year, but need someone to volunteer to take charge of it. Mike Ours and his family will again be doing the *Giving Tree*.

**Thanks** to those who participated in cleaning the gutters of the church buildings on November 17. .

### Activities and Announcements for the Month of December

1. **No Business Dinner Meeting This Month** – There will be no meeting in December because of the 12 days of Christmas.
2. **First Saturday Mass and Rosary December 1 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 1<sup>st</sup> and Sunday the 2<sup>nd</sup>**. The next rosary will be on the weekend of January 5-6. 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. **The Hours of Eucharistic Adoration for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception** will be announced. 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 community prayer intention for December* is that the people of our Country keep Christ in Christmas.
5. **K of C Benefit Breakfast - Sunday December 9 after the 8 am and 10 am Masses** (2nd Sunday of each month). 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. There is no charge, but donations will be accepted for the benefit of the March For Life by those who will represent our parish. *We need your help* to setup and prepare the food at 7 am, washing dishes, and cleaning up after each of the two breakfasts. Help to build parish community with your presence.
6. **We'll need your help to put up the Christmas decorations on Saturday Morning December 15 at 9 am.**
7. **Knights of Columbus Fifth Sunday Mass – Sunday December 30 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*. Come for the pre-Mass rosary at 9:20 am.
8. **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. 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.