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



Knights of Columbus from Pomeroy, Marietta, and Gallipolis served as honor guards at the funeral of 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knight Msgr. William Myers S.T.D. (1939-2019) on February 12. He was laid out in his favorite vestments from Jubilee 2000 Holy Year with its logo that he dedicated his life to: “Christ Yesterday, Today, Forever”. Bishop Jeffrey Monforton presided and at least a dozen priests concelebrated in the packed church. Fr. Bill was the pastor of our St. Louis Church (1980-2011) and chaplain of our Council 3335. It was he who spearheaded the revival of our dormant council in the early 1980s. An entrepreneur of sorts, our Parish Hall with a time capsule inside was built during his tenure. It took two years of fund raising and prayer every Sunday. Fr. Bill faithfully served and loved the members of St. Louis Church and they reciprocated that love. He hatched, matched, and dispatched hundreds of people in Baptism, Matrimony, and funerals. A gregarious and jovial priest, he made everyone feel welcome as they entered the church. He had a gift for communicating love and warmth. Fr. Bill never met a person he didn’t like. Never at a loss for words, he was good at one liners and always gave his homilies without notes, preparing them in his head. Our shepherd was always generous with his time, talent, and what little treasure he had. He was a fierce pro-life warrior and must have gone on close to 30 marches in Washington, D.C.

He was so personable. Recently, I ran into a man who related that he transferred into Chaminade High School in 1957 or so in strange surroundings. The first person who welcomed him was a kid named Bill Myers.

Msgr. Myers was involved in the community and was well respected by Catholics and Protestants alike. He was ecumenical, serving as a member of the Gallipolis Ministerial Association and dialoging with our Bible Belt Protestants either orally or through letters to the editor of the local newspaper, using the pen name, Cozette, the name of his cat. Rev. John Jackson, pastor of the Lutheran Church, was a good friend and roasted him unmercifully at a retirement get-together in our Parish Hall. Fr. Myers knew how to enjoy life and his priestly vocation. He was a fun loving guy; his standup comedy act at Jozette Baker’s farewell was hilarious. Fr. Bill was a regular at the Bob Evans Restaurant and would bring an entourage from St. Louis Church for breakfast after daily Mass; the waitresses miss him. He loved to travel and organized numerous parish visits to shrines around the country and even in Europe. That included leading a large group in 2002 to World Youth Day in Toronto, Canada where they saw St. Pope John Paul II whom he deeply admired. Being a Notre Dame fan, he went to a few games in South Bend and took three of my teen aged children and me there. When in California, he visited Stephanie at the beautiful Thomas Aquinas College and when in Florida, visited our son, John-Paul at Ave Maria University.

To God and with God, pastor and friend. Goodbye, until we see you again at that great St. Louis Church party in Heaven. You’re invited dear reader; MAKE SURE THAT YOU GET THERE!

**WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR YOUR MARRIAGE TODAY? Be patient and kind; offer up irritants to the Lord as a sacrificial prayer for her.** There's a lot of things about her that irritate you. She's controlling; wants her own way all the time; she's irritable; always late; etc. etc. Offer it up; suck it up; be patient and understanding with her. Be sensitive to her feelings and needs. Let her make you a saint. And guess what? She'll reciprocate!!! Don't forget! There's a lot of things about you that irritate her. Work on the irritants to her; they are under your control. Don't make her wait for you; tell her where you are and what you're doing; get back in time to be with her, etc.

**Adoration and Holy Mass to Become a Standard Part of Our Council Meetings.** Since the spiritual formation of its members is an important part of the mission of the Knights of Columbus, every council meeting will be preceded by Adoration at 4:30 pm and Mass at 5:30 pm. Furthermore, our Council very much needs God's guidance and help to be fruitful in serving our families, our parish family, the Church, and the surrounding community. Members are urged to attend both the Mass and the meeting that follows with supper, great fellowship, decision making, planning, and coordination. Our next meeting with Mass and Adoration will be on Monday March 25.

**Please buy or sell your Super Cash Bonanza raffle tickets by April 7** for our Council to obtain the max return.  
**Brother Knights in Distress.** Please pray for Robert King, Bruce Davison, Keith Davison, and Bob Freyberg.

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

1. **Eucharistic Adoration - Sunday March 3 after the 10 am Mass.** The Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will conclude with Vespers and Benediction at 4 pm. 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 as part of an Honor Guard. You don't have to be in regalia. Former 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 prayer intention for March*** 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)).
2. **K of C Benefit Breakfast - Sunday March 10 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 local Knights of Columbus charities. ***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.
3. **The Men's Conference is Saturday, March 23** from 9 am – 3:30 pm at St. Stephen's Church in Caldwell. ***The men will meet at the Parish Hall at 6:30 am*** and travel together in the parish van for some great fellowship and spiritual re-invigoration. Giving up an entire Saturday and traveling a long way is a big sacrifice for Lent. Being tough men, we're up to it and the Lord will reward us. Certainly, you want them to become true men of God. Let Mark Nehrbas share the lessons he learned from his six year battle with stomach cancer that can help you cope with your future bouts with suffering and adversity which can ultimately make you a saint. You may register at the door, but calling your parish representative, brother knight Paul Sebastian (740-245-9404 or [paulrsebastian@yahoo.com](mailto:paulrsebastian@yahoo.com)) to register as soon as you can would make planning so much easier or sign up in the back of the church.
4. **Knights of Columbus Fifth Sunday Mass – Sunday March 31 (next is June 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.
5. **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.