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



As the teacher of the First Holy Communion class since 2014, Jaga Sebastian introduced some innovations with the approval of Fr. Tom. To illustrate her points she cleverly used such common household items as candles, grain, bread, grapes & its juice, raisins, salt, balloons, and stones as training aids. She was never trained as a teacher, but knows and lives the faith well. Then Jaga introduced First Confession and First Communion retreats for the children and their parents who deepened their knowledge of the faith. This year the children learned how to bake bread which has been humankind's main food staple throughout history. Our Lord instituted the Eucharist, which through transubstantiation, is mysteriously the bread of life for the soul, the body and blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ Himself! His greatest gift to us. In the left photo Benny, Haley, Sofia, Sadie, Tyler, and Toby present the bread they baked as Fr. Tom and Our Lady of Lourdes look on. Photo by Alejandra Garrett.

Finally after several years of preparation at home and at the Parish School of Religion, the children received their First Holy Communion, God's greatest gift, Christ Himself, an unforgettable event in the lives of each one of us. The next photo taken by photographer Anna White after Mass shows Jaga Sebastian, the teacher and Fr. Thomas Hamm, our pastor with their 2019 First Communion Class. From left to right are Tobias Lewis, Sofia Nolan, Tyler Angel, Sadie Randles, Benjamin Garrett, and Haley Metzger. May these precious children always cherish this miraculous gift, never, never missing Mass on Sunday and being faithful to Jesus Christ and the teachings of His Church for the rest of their lives. As they have been doing for many years, the Knights of Columbus hosted a breakfast to bring the parish together to honor the First Communicants and celebrate this epic event in their lives.

**WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR YOUR MARRIAGE TODAY?** Love is courteous and diplomatic, not rude. Nothing irritates as much as rudeness.....to act unbecoming, foul mouth, poor table manners, sarcastic quips, impatient, irritable, etc. often without realizing we're being rude. Pray for clarity to see our own faults in relating to our wives and then the help to do something about it. Real loves lifts one to a higher standard. Be driven by love and avoid things that irritate, bother, or frustrate, thus being a joy to be with. Mind your manners, thus showing that you value and respect her.

Sooner or later she'll reciprocate. We're usually courteous, diplomatic, patient, and at our best behavior with strangers. Why not be the same and more with our loved one? Be gracious not selfish and self-centered. Apply the golden rule. Honor her requests. Dare to be delightful. Test yourself with three questions: 1) How does your wife feel about the way you speak and act around her? 2) How does your behavior affect your mate's sense of worth and self-esteem? 3) Would your wife say you're a blessing, or that you're condescending and embarrassing? (From Kendrick: The Love Dare")

**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 all year round. It is most important that PSR students read. Classes alone are not enough. Make summer a time of intellectual and spiritual growth for the kids through books and family excursions. Take them to shrines, museums, the library, COSI, and historical places.

**Adoration and Holy Mass Now 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 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month dinner meeting with Mass and Adoration will be on Monday June 24.***

**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 to the next official induction of new knights and the Ohio State Convention of the Knights of Columbus. We need more young men to step up and gain valuable experience for their careers.

**Please pray for** Jim Ryan, Red Babbit, Everett King, Bob Freyberg, Robert King, and Bruce Davison.

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

1. **Eucharistic Adoration** – ***June 2 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. You will find peace. The ***recommended community prayer intention for June*** is our children who will receive the sacrament of Confirmation.....that they may be well prepared, always faithful soldiers of Christ, faithful to God and the teachings of His Church.....semper fidelis (always faithful).
2. **Monthly Business Dinner Meeting** - ***Monday June 24 at 6:30 pm with Eucharistic Adoration at 4:30 pm and Mass at 5:30 pm.*** Prayer is essential to our success. Members are urged to attend both the Mass and the meeting that follows with supper, great fellowship, decision making on future activities, planning, and coordination. **The input of every knight is most valuable.** 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. Some of the men make great sacrifices to attend the meetings. May all do the same!. Talk up the meetings and get your brother knights to attend. ***The next 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month Dinner Meeting will be on Monday July 22 at 6:30 pm.***
3. **Knights of Columbus Fifth Sunday Mass** – ***Sunday June 30 (next is September 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.*** Come for the pre-Mass rosary at 9:20 am.