



July 2019

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



This year's high school graduates from our parish, Gretchen McConnell and Justin McClelland. The Knights of Columbus, represented by Grand Knight Tyler Reynolds (center), gave each graduate a rosary and Kitty Griffith, president of the Catholic Women's Club, gave a bible to each of them. The Knights have voted to award each of them a \$500 scholarship. Gretchen played soccer for Gallia Academy high school and will study at the University of Rio Grande. Justin was the Gallia Academy quarterback for the last three years and will continue his football career at Capital University in Columbus. May they both continue to grow in the faith as faithful Catholics. May they both be effective witnesses for the faith on these two secular campuses. May they study hard in preparation for the great mission that God has for each one of them.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR YOUR MARRIAGE TODAY? Until death do us part. At lunch after the funeral for Bob Schopis, I asked Ellen, his widowed wife: "You were married for 70 years, what's your secret?" "There is no secret", she replied. "We made a vow, 'Until death do us part'. We worked things out. Marriage is like a roller coaster. There's ups and downs, twists and turns." In other words, be faithful and adapt. Merry and Jack Stapleton recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. I asked each the same question separately: "What's your secret?" Each one pointed to Heaven and said: "Prayer". So prayer and faith in God plays a big part in a successful marriage. Don't throw in the towel and quit. Keep in there and work things out. Be willing to give in, especially in the little things. Ask other old couples how they did it.

Special for 2019: Back Dues Have Been Forgiven to give lapsed members a fresh start to keep up with their dues in the future. Our council is flexible for those having financial difficulties. All members are asked to pay their dues for this year to Keith Elliott, our financial secretary.

Michael Williams Appointed as Our New Knights of Columbus Insurance Field Agent. Members may contact him at (614) 452-0492 or e-mail michael.williams@kofc.org. Mr. Williams promotes the Catholic Difference in Knights of Columbus life insurance. "Our Catholicity forms all that we do. Our Order was founded on the principles of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity; as a Catholic business we also have core values of Integrity, Professionalism, Excellence, and Respect. In all our dealings we try to embody those values in the field and at our Supreme Office. Money from insurance premiums and annuity deposits is managed by our investment department. They manage that money, now amounting to more than \$24 billion, using sound investment strategies in full compliance with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' socially responsible investment guidelines. We will not invest in companies that engage in abortions, producing abortifacient drugs, embryonic stem cell research, human cloning, or pornography. Our Asset Advisors prove that a business can operate on these principles and still produce a healthy profit. That's a Catholic Difference."

A Fund Raising Raffle for a cooler full of meat at \$5.00 per ticket is being planned.

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.

Please pray for Everett King, Robert King, and Bruce Davison.

Activities and Announcements for the Month of July

- 1. First Saturday Mass July 6 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.*"
- 2. Eucharistic Adoration – July 7 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 intention for July is our Country and for religious freedom everywhere.* The next one will be on Sunday August 4. There is also adoration at 7 – 8 am before morning daily Mass.
- 3. Monthly Business Dinner Meeting - Monday July 22 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 4th Monday of the month Dinner Meeting will be on Monday August 26 at 6:30 pm.*

