



APRIL 2015

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

**Thanks to all for your support of the Men's Conference** on March 7. Eleven of the 17 attending from our parish were knights. We expect the others to become knights soon. It was our best participation ever. As in previous years, our local council was very generous with a donation for its underwriting. In addition an individual knight was most generous in giving a gift to the orphanage in Haiti.

**The knights held their annual Basketball Free Throw** February 26 at the GDC gymnasium for the developmentally disabled children and adults of the Rehabilitation Center (formerly Guiding Hand School). Each of the approximately 50 participants received a t-shirt and a medal as a prize. Jim Ryan, a past Grand Knight, has been coordinating the event for many years. Our knights set it up, kept score, and cheered them on as shown in the photos below.



## April Activities and Announcements

1. **The newly constructed Outdoor Stations of the Cross** will be inaugurated on Good Friday at noon. For the first time ever at St. Louis Church, the devotion will be outside unless the weather is bad. Pam Dovyak, the teacher of the Confirmation class, came up with the idea, but the students and teacher under the direction of Grand Knight Mike Haas did the actual construction. They did a marvelous job of woodworking. It is truly a beautiful work of art and will be great for meditation and private or public devotion. Our suffering Lord teaches us something at each station as we accompany Him to His crucifixion, the perfect sacrifice of Christ, the Son of God to save us from our sins.
2. **Stations of the Cross as part of a 12 mile hike on Holy Saturday morning** in Lancaster will be sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Those who are in shape or have the desire to get in shape are

invited to attend for a unique spiritual experience. Call Nathan Frazee at 740-256-1689 or 740-853-3784.

- K of C Benefit Breakfast - Sunday April 12 after the 10 am Mass only** (2nd Sunday of each month) for St. Louis K of C Council Charities. It will honor this year's first communicants. It will be free; however, donations will be accepted. 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. Every breakfast benefits one of the Knights of Columbus charities or scholarships for deserving students of the parish.

*We need help* to setup and prepare the food at 9 am, washing dishes, and cleaning up after. Our response for the last breakfast was better, but we still need all the help we can get.

- Eucharistic Adoration - Sunday April 12 after the 10 am Mass.** The Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will conclude with Vespers at 4 pm. It would be great to have a Knights of Columbus Honor Guard there. Brother knight, if you come for adoration, please kneel/sit in the front row for as long as you desire, be it only 15 minutes or more. You don't have to be in regalia. 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. One simple person said: "I look at Him and He looks at me".....i.e., listening to His inspiration. In medieval times squires would keep all-night prayer vigils before the tabernacle in preparation for being dubbed as new knights the following morning. The knights of old would protect their kings; today we protect Christ the King in the Blessed Sacrament with our lives if necessary. After all, more than once in modern times has the Eucharist been desecrated as a group of radical gays did a couple of years ago in St. Patrick's Cathedral New York City.
- Monthly Business Dinner Meeting - Monday April 27 at 6:30 pm.** We have great fellowship at dinner and the input of every knight is most valuable at the meeting as we make decisions about future activities. Our Council is as strong as each knight makes it. We will pray the rosary before the meeting inside the church at 5:45 pm. We cannot be an effective Council without the Lord's help and guidance.
- Super Cash BONANZA Raffle Tickets – \$108,000 in Prizes; 1<sup>ST</sup> Prize \$49,680.** \$5.00 per chance may be purchased from any knight. Better than the lottery. *The St. Louis Council has a good chance of receiving \$4.00 from each ticket if turned in by April 1* and less after that. Please place the tickets and money in the box in the back of the church. That money will be used for scholarships for the students of our parish.
- 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 April it's **Saturday the 4th and Sunday the 5th.** The next one will be the week-end of May 2-3.
- Volunteers Needed for the Cemetery** to mow, do weed eating, trimming, etc. during the Summer. Each month one or two volunteers will be needed. Hopefully each knight will only work once during the summer. Please contact Bruce Davison at 740-256-1427.
- Looking into May.** There will be a Mother's Day breakfast for all mothers after the 8 am and 10 am Masses. Since we are honoring the mothers of the parish, they will be admitted free of charge. The following Sunday May 17, there will be a welcome breakfast honoring the new members of the parish after the 10 am Mass only.

*The strength of our Council depends so much on you.....your participation, your volunteering your time and effort to serve God and His people. Thank you for all of your help.*

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Lord, help the Knights of Columbus be a force for the renewal of the parish and ourselves too.

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