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



Two busloads of adults and children from Parkersburg and southeastern Ohio participated in the March for Life despite the bad weather. On the way back they were stranded for 17 hours on the Pennsylvania Turnpike. On the night before the March after the Vigil Mass for Life at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception (a Basilica), we stumbled upon McGivney Hall of the Catholic University of America with the statue of Fr. Michael J McGivney in front. He founded the Knights of Columbus in 1881 as a fraternal society to protect families with life insurance in case the father died. Shown in the photo are the knights in our group in front of their founder's statue. The Knights of Columbus financed the building as well as the bell tower and the bell of the National Shrine.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR YOUR MARRIAGE TODAY? *Die man; die. Die to yourself.* Be willing to die for your wife as Christ suffered and died for you. That was the ultimate in self-giving. We've got to give of self every day to our wives and the family. Die to self to meet her needs and for her happiness. Her needs have a greater priority than your needs. You are her protector and the protector of your family. You are the designated provider whether she works or not. Sacrificial self-giving is the essence of the marriage covenant ("I am yours and you are mine"). If your wife wants you to do something very much and her heart is set on it, but you don't like it at all, die man, die to yourself. When you leave this earth, your wife and kids won't remember how much "stuff" you gave them, but they will remember the love you communicated, the time you gave them,

your example of goodness and virtue, your faithfulness to your wife and your family. The greatest thing that you can do for your children is to love your wife. Pray for her daily and together too.

February Activities and Announcements

1. **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 February it's *Saturday the 6th and Sunday the 7th*. The next rosary will be the week-end of March 5-6. After the Mass, the Rosary is the most perfect prayer because Mary gave us the rosary, which is repetitive prayer as background for the reliving of the principle events of the life of Christ.
2. **Eucharistic Adoration - Sunday February 7 after the 10 am Mass.** The Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will conclude with Vespers and Benediction at 4 pm followed by a tasty potluck dinner with a Mrdi Gras theme hosted by the Women's Club. *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 on the left for as long as you desire, be it only 15 minutes or more. You don't have to be in regalia. 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 intention for January is the Pro-Life Movement.....the elimination of abortion, euthanasia, and illicit research. The next one will be on Sunday March 6.
3. **K of C Benefit Breakfast - Sunday February 14 after the 8 am and 10 am Masses** (2nd Sunday of each month) for the poor of Gallia County. 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. This one will benefit the poor of Gallia County. *We need your help* to setup and prepare the food at 7 am, washing dishes, and cleaning up after each meal.
4. **Monthly Business Dinner Meeting - Monday February 22 at 6:30 pm** the 4th Monday of the month. We have great fellowship at dinner and the input of every knight is most valuable at the meeting as we make decisions regarding future activities. Our Council is as strong as each knight makes it. We will pray the rosary before the meeting inside the church or Parish Hall Conference Room at 5:45 pm. We cannot be an effective Council without the Lord's help and guidance.
5. **Men: Get into spiritual shape for the big games, Holy Week and Easter and winning the Super Bowl Trophy.....Heaven.** Let this nationally known speaker, Matthew Leonard, give you some great tips for becoming a bold and dynamic Catholic to make an impact as an effective spiritual leader in the home, in the parish, in the community, and on the job. Attend the *Diocesan Men's Day of Renewal Saturday February 27 from 9 am – 3:30 pm at St. Stephen's Church in Caldwell*. See Paul Sebastian (245-9404) to register. Enjoy the fellowship by going in the parish van, which leaves at 6:30 am from the Parish Hall. The spiritual formation of the men coincides with the mission of the Knights of Columbus. Our Council has helped with the underwriting for the last six years.
6. **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. It is most important that PSR students read. CCD alone is not enough.
7. **Four Year Knights of Columbus Scholarships to KofC members and their children, who will be entering a Catholic college next Fall as freshmen.** The amount is \$1,500 per year (total \$6,000). Over 500 scholarships are awarded per year. Details at <http://kofc.org/un/en/scholarships/index.html>. You may also call Nathan Frazee, your local field agent, at 740-853-3784 or 740-256-1689. He would be happy to help you and also review your

life insurance needs. K of C Life Insurance is among the very top rated life insurance providers in the entire United States. Any profits are used for rebates to its members and charity. The deadline is March 1.