



April 2016

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



**On March 3 the Knights of Columbus held their annual Free Throw Contest at the GDC Gym for the developmentally disabled children of Guiding Hands School and the adults of Gallco Industries. All of the participants received t-shirts and plaques. We've been doing this for over 20 years. The knights receive more from the experience than they give in organizing the event, keeping score, refereeing, and cheering on the participants. It was fulfilling and fun. The kids and adults teach us to appreciate our blessings and give us an opportunity to love. They have their own special beauty as children of God. Beautiful is their simplicity and ability to enjoy the**

little things in life. They'll probably make it to heaven before all of us. Thanks to Michael Stapleton for taking the above pictures. For an album of numerous photos of this event, use the following link: [http://www.snapfish.com/library/share?w=snapfish\\_us&c=snapfish&l=en\\_US#RZaqct9yoK\\_F-WU7XxqBmQ/AUS/27938748832070/SNAPFISH&reqFromStore=true](http://www.snapfish.com/library/share?w=snapfish_us&c=snapfish&l=en_US#RZaqct9yoK_F-WU7XxqBmQ/AUS/27938748832070/SNAPFISH&reqFromStore=true). Much easier is to go to our parish website at [www.stlouiscatholicchurchgallia.org](http://www.stlouiscatholicchurchgallia.org) where there is an archive of back issues of our Knights of Columbus newsletters and simply click on the link.

**WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR YOUR MARRIAGE TODAY?** *Work on the hard part.* You won her over before asking for her hand in marriage and she said YES! That was the easy part. *Now you have to win her over every day to keep the marriage fresh and vigorous.* Be creative; don't let the marriage stagnate. Keep working at it. There's no perfect marriage; every one of them has its ups and downs. If you expected a fairy tale marriage and live happily ever after, you were dreaming. Now it's time to come to earth. It doesn't happen that way in the real world. Marriage takes a lot of work and sacrificial love. Try to satisfy her needs over your needs. Pray for your wife daily and together every day. Love her as Christ loves the Church. Let Christ be the center of your marriage/family with the Holy Family your model.

**The Giving Tree again has been a great success** in making Christmas more meaningful for the donors who filled a great need and gave a little love to poor children. It's wonderful that the children and their parents know that there are Christians out there who care enough to give a little of themselves as Christ did totally in becoming one of us to teach us how to live and save us from our sins. Our thanks to Mike Ours for organizing this annual activity, collecting the gifts, locating the needy children, and distributing the gifts.

**Our thanks to those who have donated to our Lenten "40 Cans for the Needy" campaign** and David Stapleton for taking charge of it. You can still drop off non-perishable food for the next day or two.

#### **April 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 April it's *Saturday the 2nd and Sunday the 3rd*. The next rosary will be the Sunday May 1 and Saturday May 7. After the Mass, the Rosary is the most perfect prayer which Mary gave us.
- 2. Eucharistic Adoration in Celebration of the Jubilee Year of Mercy on Divine Mercy Sunday – April 3 after the 10 am Mass until 4 pm.** Please kneel/sit in the front row left as part of a Knights of Columbus Honor Guard. You can do spiritual reading; converse with the Lord; listen to Him; and share your innermost thoughts and concerns with Him to obtain healing and strength to keep going. The recommended community intention for April is God's mercy for us and for the virtue of having mercy on others, especially upon those who have offended us or need our help. The next Eucharistic Adoration is Sunday May 1.
- 3. First Bonanza Raffle Turn-in – April 15.** Proceeds support Knights of Columbus charities all over the world. This first turn-in is critical because it gives our Council the maximum rebate that we use to finance the scholarships we give to high schools seniors of our parish. Please be aggressive in selling the tickets and generous in buying as many tickets as you can to win \$50,000.....25 cash prizes worth \$108,000 in all. Contact any knight to buy a ticket.
- 4. K of C Breakfast to honor the children who will receive their First Holy Communion - Sunday April 24 after the 8 am and 10 am Masses.** Any money donated will help 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. Everyone in the parish is invited to celebrate and make this day special for the children.
- 5. Monthly Business Dinner Meeting - Monday March 28 at 6:30 pm** the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Conference Room at 5:45 pm. We cannot be an effective Council without the Lord's help and guidance. *The April meeting with Rosary will be on Monday April 25 at 6:30 pm.*

- 6. Call Nathan Frazee, your local K of C Insurance 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 world. The profits from the life insurance do not go to the stockholders as with for-profit enterprises, but are distributed to its policyholders in rebates and to Knights of Columbus charities.