



November 2016

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



A scene from the dedication of the Memorial to the Unborn at the St. Louis Church Cemetery. From left to right Matt Bokovitz, Grand Knight David Stapleton, Paul Sebastian, Mike Merry, and Mike Haas stand at attention while Fr. Thomas recites a prayer and blesses the monument. Inscribed are the words: *"In loving memory to all unborn children; I will never forget you. 'I have carved you in the palm of my hand.... (Isaiah 49:15)."*

After a special Mass for the occasion, our pastor read a portion of a touching speech given by Mother Teresa in condemning abortion at the 1994 National Prayer Breakfast attended by President Bill Clinton and First Lady Hilary Clinton, numerous congressmen, and other notables. Then Fr. Hamm blessed the monument donated by our Knights of Columbus Council 3335. The dedication on September 5 coincided with the feast day of St. Mother Teresa, canonized the day before (see Blog #176 at paulrsebastianphd.blogspot.com; the article has a link to that video of Mother Teresa's speech and describes her relationship with Hillary Clinton & efforts to convert her). Our gratitude to Mike Haas for designing, procuring, and mounting the monument as well as Josh Davison for doing the landscaping and everyone who contributed directly or indirectly. Also our thanks to Patty Hays, a professional photographer, for the photo. She has a collection of photos of this event on her facebook.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR YOUR MARRIAGE TODAY? *Take leadership of your family.* You are the provider even if your wife works; you are the protector; you are the father and head of the family. Therefore, God gave you special gifts that complement the special gifts and talents that He gave to your wife (thus a child is severely deprived with either two fathers or two mothers). You are the spiritual leader of your family. What an awesome responsibility! Follow in the footsteps of St. Joseph, a true Man of God and leader of the Holy Family, as your model of husband and father. Paraphrasing St. Paul in Ephesians 5: Love her as Christ loves the Church and handed himself over to sanctify her; love her as your own body. Pray for your wife daily and pray together every day. Let Christ be the center of your marriage and family with the Holy Family your model.

Used Coats for Kids Drive and Non-perishable Food Collection for Thanksgiving Food Baskets begins next week during this coming month of thanksgiving to God for our numerous blessings. You may leave your donations in the back of the church.

November Activities and Announcements

1. **First Degree Initiation of New Knights** *Sunday October 30 at 3 pm in the Parish Hall.* All faithful practicing Catholic men (18 and over) are invited to join. Prospective members are invited to contact David Stapleton, the grand knight at 740-612-9848 or Nathan Frazee at 740-794-1208. *We ask all knights to recruit new members*, telling them about the many benefits of the Knights of Columbus for great fellowship, opportunities to serve the parish and the community, and the best Life Insurance that money can buy. Any surplus finances Knights of Columbus charities and rebates to you. *Please welcome and honor the new knights with your presence.* Wear your Knights of Columbus shirts or ask for one. If too late, recruit for the next initiation.
2. **All Saints Kids Party** *Wednesday November 2 at 6 pm in the Parish Hall.* Kids of all ages, teachers too are invited to dress up as a saint rather than a ghost, goblin, witch, or other reference to evil. The kids will learn about saints from the adults and from each other.
3. **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 November it's *Saturday the 5th and Sunday the 6th.* The next rosary will be on the week end of December 3-4. After the Mass, the Rosary is the most perfect prayer which Mary gave us. Our Lady urges us to pray the rosary for peace daily; the need is urgent.
4. **Eucharistic Adoration** - *Sunday November 6, after the 10 am Mass.* The Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will conclude with Vespers and Benediction 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 on the left for as long as you desire, be it only 15 minutes or more. 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 and strength to keep going. *The recommended community prayer intention for November* is for the poor souls in purgatory and that the world may recognize Christ as their true sovereign king of the universe.
5. **4th Degree Exemplification** *Saturday November 12 in Dover.* Contact Don Frymeyer at 740-591-7490. We need more 4th Degree knights in our council. It will be a great day for you and your lady.
6. **K of C Benefit Breakfast** - *Sunday November 13 after the 8 am and 10 am Masses* (2nd Sunday of each month). 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 St. Vincent de Paul Society and the Food Pantry for 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 of the two breakfasts. Help to build parish community with your presence.
7. **The Feast of Christ the King** *Sunday November 20 is special to us since we are the great King's knights.* As Knights of Christ the King we will observe this special Feast with a special Knights of Columbus Mass at 10 am. *The Mass intention will be for our deceased knights.* **Eucharistic Adoration** will follow until about 4 pm.
8. **Monthly Business Dinner Meeting** - *Monday November 28 at 6:30 pm with Rosary at 5:45 pm in the church* (enter through the Sacristy door). 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 at 5:45 pm. We cannot be an effective Council without the Lord's help and guidance.
9. **Christmas Party for 4th Degree Knights and Wife or Girl Friend** (if single) *Sunday December 4 in Churchtown at 2 pm.* It will be a steak dinner. Bishop Monforton, a 4th Degree Knight himself will be present. Advance reservations is only \$5, but \$20 at the door. Contact Don Frymeyer or Keith Elliott at 740-645-4096.

A KNIGHT'S PRAYER*

Lord, you are the Christ, Christ the King, King of the Universe.

We are your humble knights ready to serve at your command.

Use us according to your will,

to serve you and your people well and give you glory.

Don't let us do anything that might dishonor your Holy Name.

We are always your loyal knights from the vigor of our youth to sickness and old age.....

when we will unite our crosses with your cross and offer them for your kingdom on earth.

****Help us to be noble and worthy knights in the spirit of the knights of old.....**

To generously do good in serving your Church, the parish, the community, and our country;

To perseveringly help and promote the cause of the poor, the defenseless, and the unborn;

To be men of prayer, honor, character, and integrity;

To boldly but prudently do what is right, morally and ethically, regardless of consequence;

To act with courtesy, modesty, and humility, but firmness without giving offense;

To be patient, caring, kind, and gentle men of courage and virtue,

chaste and pure according to our states of life;

To be devoted and faithful to our families as fathers, husbands, and sons.....

conscientious parents, providers, and protectors with St. Joseph as our patron.

To graciously treat all women with respect, dignity, and honor;

To do our part to restore our Christian culture to what it once was and to what it should be;

To be good Catholic leaders and blameless role models for youth to follow;

To encourage and promote vocations to the religious life;

To fearlessly defend the Church, the faith, and the truth against attack;

To appropriately evangelize in little or big ways by prayer, example, word, and deed;

To protect your person, ever present in the Eucharist, against defilement with our lives.

****Father, help us to do our part to establish your kingdom**

And further your divine will on earth as it is done in heaven.

Holy Spirit, guide us in our decisions; tell us what to do, what to say, and what to write.

Sanctify us, strengthen us, and grant us your gifts, especially

fortitude, wisdom, and understanding, for the realization of your divine will.

Mary, our mother, you are our queen, Queen of Heaven and Earth.

We are your loyal knights ready to serve at your command.

Use us according to the will of your Son.

Nurture our faith and keep us faithful to the Church and its teachings.

Mother, take us each by the hand and lead us through life to eternity with you and your Son.

Father McGivney, intercede that we effectively continue your work for God and Country

And recruit new members who will be consistently faithful in following your mission.

Pray that we always live up to the ideals of the Knights of Columbus which you founded.

** When time at a meeting is short for oral prayer, the second and/or third paragraphs (**) may be omitted.*