



June 2017

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



The Knights of Columbus prepared and hosted a brunch for Mothers' Day. The future of our parish is the very large Davison-Stapleton clan. The above photo represents four generations, headed by the matriarch, Harriet Davison (97) with over 238 descendants and counting. She is pictured above with her daughter Karen Davison Stapleton on the left; granddaughter Lisa Stapleton Milhoan on the far right; and great-granddaughter Lexie Milhoan next to her on the right. Karen is the mother of Lisa, who is the mother of Lexie. Missing is a representative of the fifth generation.....six great-great grandchildren for now. Harriet is the mother of three brother knights (one a holy priest) and Karen is the mother of two of our young knights. Thank you, dear mothers for participating with God in creating unique children with immortal souls according to His image and likeness and for bearing our children. "The Hand That Rocks the Cradle Is the Hand That Rules the World" (Poem by William Ross Wallace) through your influence on your children. What an awesome power and responsibility!

**WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR YOUR MARRIAGE TODAY?** *Love is Not Selfish.* Almost every sinful action ever committed can be traced back to a selfish motive. We hate it in others, but justify it in ourselves. So she's selfish. Are you also selfish? We all have to overcome selfishness. She also has the challenge of loving a selfish guy. Look for her happiness first and yours will come. If she's happy, you'll be happy. Give priority to her well-being. Sacrifice your wants and wishes to meet her needs. "But love "does not seek its own" (1 Cor 13:5). As a flawed man, take good care of your flawed wife. Choosing to love her

will cause you to say “no” to what you want so you can say “yes” to what she needs. Be willing to relinquish your rights for her sake. “Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves” (Philippians 2:3). Thanks to Stephen & Alex Kendrick and their biblically based book, “The Love Dare”.

**Thoughts From Our Grand Knight, David Stapleton.** God commanded us to love each other as He loves us. We also know the two great commandments: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind” and “Love your neighbor as yourself.” (Matthew 22:37-40). What does this mean? Love is an act of the will first. Then love is sacrificing yourself for what you choose to love. Feelings, sentiments, or compassion are not love; they are fruits of love that one may or may not have. For example, you don’t fall in love or out of love with something or someone; you either choose to love or not to love. So my friends, I earnestly ask you all to constantly choose to love (desire for the good of) everyone, even those you don’t like and offer yourself to our Lord as a love sacrifice for the furthering of His kingdom on earth. God bless.

**Council 3335 Loses Brother Knights, Fr. David Schmidt and Fr. Prakash Sebastian.** Fr. Dave was the pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Point Pleasant for several years before his retirement in 2011. Having stayed in the area, he substituted for priests in the Wheeling-Charleston Diocese, helped out in the parish, and mentored three of his successors. Having health issues, Fr. Dave decided to move to Dayton to be closer to his brother. Fr. Prakash, the current pastor of Sacred Heart, is being transferred as of June 21 to St. Stephen Church in Ona, WV near Huntington (304-743-3234). We enjoyed them both, who contributed significantly to our council. Fr. Dave held the office of lector. We will miss them both.

Due to a decline in the number of active parishioners, Sacred Heart will no longer have a full time pastor. A priest from the Church in Ravenswood will come on Sundays to celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. There will be no daily Mass which members of our parish would sometimes attend. At the last meeting Fr. Sebastian asked for support and prayers, both for the parish and himself in his new assignment.

**Thanks to all who helped** with the yard work on the parish grounds and cemetery.

### **Activities and Announcements for the Month of June**

- 1. Eucharistic Adoration** – *For the Feast of Corpus Christi on Sunday June 18 after the 10 am Mass.* The Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will conclude with Vespers and Benediction at 4 pm. You will often feel the Lord’s presence while experiencing peace, consolation, and warmth. *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 June* is for all fathers to be true spiritual leaders of their families and that they raise their children to be always faithful to Christ and His Church. The next Eucharistic Adoration is on July 9.
- 2. 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 June it’s Saturday the 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday the 4<sup>th</sup>. The next rosary will be on the week end of June 3-4. After the Mass, the Rosary is the most perfect prayer which Mary herself gave us.
- 3. Monthly Business Dinner Meeting** - *Monday June 26 at 6:30 pm with Rosary at 5:45 pm.* 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 cannot be an effective Council without the Lord’s help and guidance. *The next 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month Dinner Meeting will be on Monday July 24.*