



January 2018

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



Since we are the knights of Christ the King, our Council paid homage to Him by serving as an honor guard at this very special feast day Mass on November 26. The Knights served in all functions. In addition the Mass intentions were for our deceased knights as read from the pulpit: Remo Rocchi, Fr. Adolph Golubiewski, Hobert Baldwin, Oscar Bastiani Sr., Lawrence Bastiani, Urban A. Cornett, John Cornett, James Davison Sr., Alfred Gabrielli (4th Degree), Bill Gabrielli, Thomas Goett, Juan Gomez Jordan, Jerry Gust, Bill Holt, Francis (Odie) B. O'Donnell, Karl Paulson (4th Degree), John Payne, Bud Raygo, Don Robinson, Astolfo Rocchi, Robert Rocchi, Eric Roderick (knight at West Point & parish member), Joe Sites, and Joe Stiles. Our pastor and Council Chaplain, Fr. Thomas Hamm was the celebrant. The altar servers are from left to right brother knights Michael Stapleton, Mike Dressel, and Anthony Sola Jr. The Honor Guard in regalia is from left to right Michael Haas, Keith Elliott, Paul Sebastian, Matt Bokovitz, and Bruce Davison. Our Council Chaplain, Fr. Thomas Hamm is with Bishop Jeffrey Monforton, himself a 4th Degree Knight, included in the picture since it was taken after the Confirmation Mass. The clock in the background is correct; the Confirmation Mass started at 2 pm on Sunday October 29.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR YOUR MARRIAGE TODAY? *Always show appreciation* for everything she does for the family. Thank her for her sacrifices for the family; thank her for shopping; thank her after every meal and complement her great cooking. Thank her for every favor she does for you; thank her for doing a chore and do your share too. Don't take her for granted. At least a little "Great job, thank you!" or a

complement goes a long way. Make her feel good about herself. Recognize her special gifts and talents. Affirm her when she has doubts. Defend her when she is attacked in any way. Often it's the little things that make the difference between a so-so marriage and a great marriage. Pray for your wife daily and together every day. Love her as Christ loved the Church. Let Christ be the center of your marriage and family with the Holy Family your model.

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). Write jean.graney@kofc.org for an application. Usually they award about 20 scholarships; the deadline is March 1.

It won't be long before we have our main church building back, hopefully by the beginning of Lent. The rewiring involved sacrifice on our part to finance it. We adapted beautifully to the difficult situation. A lot of creativity and hard work went into converting our Parish Hall into a little church.....simple, but still beautiful. Old tabernacles and statues became very useful. The same goes for the Christmas decorations and the Nativity display. The designers of the building never dreamed that the space behind the kitchen was just right for the choir. A classroom was converted into an intimate chapel for daily Mass and another room to a sacristy. Another classroom became the confessional. We still had room for the Parish School of Religion. Thank you Fr. Tom, Mary Ann, Trudi, and everyone else who worked on it, not to mention Keith Davison for his professional work in planning the rewiring project as well as the contractor and his workers.

Our thanks to the many who supported or participated in the Knights of Columbus Christmas projects. Every year Josh Davison heads the *Coats for Kids* campaign, which covers a number of locations throughout the city. Mike Ours has made the **Giving Tree** a family project. His wife and kids were a big help. It takes a lot of coordinating. The people of the parish have been most generous in making Christmas merrier for poor children with beautifully wrapped gifts. The Knights of Columbus teamed up with the Women's Club and St. Vincent de Paul Society in the **Food Drive** to collect and distribute food to the needy. Thank you all ever so much.

Activities and Announcements for the Month of January

1. **Monthly Business Dinner Meeting** - *Monday January 22 at 6:30 pm with Rosary at 5:45 pm in the Parish Hall Chapel.* 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 together with your participation. *The next 4th Monday of the month Dinner Meeting is scheduled for February 26.*
2. **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 January it's **Saturday the 6th and Sunday the 7th.** The next rosary will be on the weekend of February 3-4. After the Mass, the Rosary is the most perfect prayer which Mary herself gave us. Our Lady urges us in her Fatima message to pray the rosary for peace daily as a sacrifice for the conversion of sinners; the need is urgent.
3. **Eucharistic Adoration** - *Sunday January 7th, the Feast of the Epiphany, after the 10 am Mass.* The Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will conclude with Vespers and Benediction at 4 pm. 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 as part of an Honor Guard. 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 intention* for January is the Pro-Life Movement.....the elimination of abortion, euthanasia, and illicit research.
4. **March for Life on January 18-19.** Many councils participate from many states.. May our Council be well represented. It's always a great experience and great fellowship tool. Be a witness. Call brother knight, Mike Merry, the President of Gallia County Right to Life at 740-395-6226. .