



July 2018

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



Our high school graduates Class of 2018: Matt Moreaux, Catie White, Robyn Nance, and Austin Stapleton after the Baccalaureate Mass especially for them. The Knights gave each graduate a rosary as a weapon against evil and threats to the faith. The Catholic Women's Club gave each one a bible for their everyday use.

May our graduates make a difference in their careers as they go on for further studies and/or work in order to serve God and His people. God has given each one of us a special mission, a mission that He has not given to any other. You can do little to change the world, but you can do something.....a little today, a little tomorrow, and a little the next day. Then with God's help, the accumulation of many small deeds over a career can add to greatness grounded in humility.....as great as many noted people in history, who have only one or two major positive accomplishments or contributions, but nothing more. Thus, you can change the world. A key to great achievements and greatness itself is perseverance.....a little every day as God works through each one of us. May the world be just a little bit better because of you. As your parents and grandparents retire and move on into eternity, it is you who must carry on the faith and pass it down to your children. Be a witness to halt the slide of our country into secularism. In your own little way put Christ into your job, into your profession, and your home. Whatever you do,.....do for the greater glory of God.....the Jesuit motto, "Ad mayorem Dei Gloriam" (AMDG).

WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR YOUR MARRIAGE TODAY? *Do a special act of love or surprise her occasionally.* It could be doing a chore she normally does; giving in on something you and her are poles apart on; taking the family to a restaurant; doing more than your share in helping her with the kids and guests; etc.

Give her a flower or a box of candy; take her on a dinner date to the symphony or movies. Pray for your wife today 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. Ask the Lord and your wife to have mercy on you while you have mercy on her. Please give me some tips that worked for you and might be worth sharing with everybody.

Many Thanks to the Catholic Women's Club for putting on a great Father's Day Brunch. It was great family time too and good parish fellowship. They put a lot of love into it as well.

EWTN put on a documentary on the *father wound*. It's alarming how common it is! Without even realizing it, we can inflict lifelong psychological wounds on our children, especially the boys by being too busy to spend time with them, by being too harsh in our language, or too physical in discipline. **BUILD THEM UP; DON'T TEAR THEM DOWN!** We must be firm, but with love. We must discipline without losing control of ourselves. Set rules, but keep your cool. Don't be afraid to apologize or to often say "I love you" and sometimes "I'm proud of you". Give a good bear hug on birthdays, Easter, achievements, etc. Thank and praise for a chore well done. Cheer them on and encourage even when their best falls short. Prepare your sons for Christian manhood and be the kind of guy your daughters should marry. Love your daughters in the right way or they will find false love in the wrong way. Be a good role model, an example of a true man of God. Be the spiritual leader in your home with Christ at the center. You have a great influence on the lives of each one of your children. Constantly pray for them and with them. The family that prays together, stays together.

Knights of Columbus Fifth Sunday Mass – Sunday July 29 (next September 30) at 10 am. The 4th Degree knights will process in full regalia and make the Mass more beautiful and impressive than it already is. The knights will do it all; Fr. Tom is also a knight. We will all *meet in the back of the church at 9:45 am.*

Recruit new members for our council. We need new blood, real men we can count on to actively participate, to come to meetings, to take leadership roles, and to pull their weight. Talk up the knights. Tell the guys about the great fellowship, opportunities to serve the parish and community, and the great life insurance program that we have. Then we'll be ready to send a delegation for the next official induction of new knights.

Activities and Announcements for the Month of July

- 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 July it's Sunday the 1st and Saturday the 7th.* The next rosary will be on the week end of August 4 and 5. After the Mass, the Rosary is the most perfect prayer which Mary herself gave us. Our Lady urges us to pray the rosary for peace daily; the need is urgent. Live the Fatima message! Continue to offer your aches and pains, problems and frustrations, disappointments and failures to Jesus through Mary for the conversion of sinners and the poor souls in purgatory. First thing out of bed.....offer up your day. Pray the rosary at home; the family that prays together, stays together.**
- 2. Eucharistic Adoration - Sunday July 1 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 intention for July is our Country and for religious freedom everywhere. The next one will be on Sunday August 5. There is also adoration at 7 – 8 am before morning daily Mass.*
- 3. MOST IMPORTANT Business Dinner Meeting this month - Monday July 30 at 6:30 pm with Rosary at 6 pm in the church at Mary's altar.** We will have the installation of the new officers and decide the awards for 2018. 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. Some of the men make great sacrifices to attend the meetings. May all do the same. Talk up the meetings and get your brother knights to attend. *The next 4th Monday of the month Dinner Meeting is scheduled for August 27.*