



October 2018

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



Grand Knight Tyler Reynolds in the blue Knights of Columbus shirt presents the St. Louis Council's most important and prestigious award, "Family of the Year" to the Stapleton family. From oldest to the youngest, tallest to shortest are Aubree on the left, Riley on the right, Eden behind the plaque, Josiah to the left of it and Ezekiel to the right. Mama Chrissy has her hands on Lucia and Papa Tim is holding baby Lilian. Chrissy homeschools the kids while Tim restores salvage cars totaled by insurance companies and resells them at a moderate price to support the family. Their home is a domestic church with Jesus Christ the center of their home and the Holy Family their model. They all feel at home at Catholic Familyland every year where large families are not unusual. Tim is an amazing apostle, having brought an extraordinary number of people into the Church by his witness and sharing the faith. The husband and wife team work together with the Confirmation class. The Knights of Columbus was founded by Fr. Michael J. McGivney to promote, preserve, and protect families.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR YOUR MARRIAGE TODAY? *Do something together each day.* It could be a rosary walk, going to daily Mass, eating out, watching a movie or video, doing volunteer work in the parish or community, doing a home project together as a team, host a dinner together for friends, go on a date together or a family outing, etc. They say that crawling into bed together at the same time is a help. Pray for her daily and together too every day.

The five minute lecture at the September meeting by Lector Paul Sebastian was on *St. Francis of Assisi*, whose feast day we will celebrate on October 4. In a time of crisis, laxity, and corruption for the Church in the 13th Century, the Lord told him: "Rebuild My Church". Our Supreme Knight Carl Anderson challenged the Knights of Columbus, each one of us, to get to work on that task, beginning with renewing the domestic church as fathers and heads of family in our own homes. That includes each knight making our own council the best. Francis once kissed the consecrated hands of a notoriously corrupt priest, showing that the Mass and sacraments

celebrated by the most corrupt priest is still valid and no excuse for missing Mass on Sunday or leaving the Church. Now is the time to be pillars of the parish in helping our pastor to renew and purify our parish.



In the photo on the left big Mike McConnell receives the *Volunteer of the Year* award along with Keith Davison (center). Mike refinished all of the pews.....first sanding off all of the old brown paint and varnish. Then he made the natural wooden pews look like new although well over 60 years old. It was a long and painstaking job, really an exquisite work of art. Big Mike is often an usher at the Saturday 5:30 pm Mass and could pass for a bouncer at the same time. Keith (center), still recovering from a liver transplant, used his electrical engineering skills to plan a complete rewiring of the church. The original wiring was antiquated and unsafe. Now the wiring and lighting is state of the art. The members of the parish mobilized their resources along with a loan to finance the over \$400,000 undertaking from September 2017 to Lent 2018 while we had Mass in the parish hall. Our pastor had to act as a construction superintendent, overseeing the project at every step. Chris Davison (right) received the *Knight of the Year* award. When work needs to be done in Knights of Columbus projects, clean-up of the grounds, maintenance of the cemetery, etc., Chris is front and center.



In the photo on the left Paul Sebastian introduces Fr. Donald Maroon and accepts the "*Chaplain of the Year*" award for him in abstentia as Grand Knight Tyler Reynolds on the left and Master of Ceremonies Allen White look on. Fr. Maroon was a very

dedicated pastor of St. Peter & Paul in Wellston for the last 19 years. His parish included a parish hall and an elementary school above the church in the same building. As pastor and chaplain, he gave the local council of the Knights of Columbus ample support and was always available for them. In the photo on the right Grand Knight Tyler Reynolds presents the Lady of the Year award to Kitty Griffith. When work has to be done with the Lenten Fish Fries, the summer Spaghetti Dinner, and other parish function, Kitty is right there and her husband Bill teams up with her as one of our chefs.



In the left photo Grand Knight Tyler Reynolds presents the Youth of the Year Award to the McConnell sisters Gretchen and Gaby. Both have done their share, working at our Lenten Fish Fries and other functions. Both are altar girls. Gretchen competed with boys on the Gallia Academy soccer team before the girls finally got their own team. In the middle photo Catie White receives the Knights of Columbus scholarship for \$500, She is often the soloist in the choir. Catie is currently a nursing student at the University of Rio Grande, following in the footsteps of the great healer. Tony Easton, shown in the right photo, was named "Bluecoat of the Year". Even though he is a student in Industrial Technology at the University of Rio Grande, Tony volunteered to be a firefighter despite all of the required training, risks, and dangers. We take fire departments for granted until our own house is on fire.



Finally, all of the awardees are together as the Knights of Columbus Council 3335 Award Class of 2018. Thank you all for what you have done for our parish community. May your efforts stimulate others to step up and do their share.



A view of the people present for the Awards Breakfast on September 9. Those who came added so much to the event by their presence in showing their appreciation for those who received awards. The presence of each person and child makes the event more memorable and more important as an annual highlight of our parish community life. Each one makes a difference.

Many thanks to our brother knights for keeping our cemetery so pristine and beautiful

Our many thanks to Mary Ann Bokovitz for taking the photos for this issue.

October Activities and Announcements

1. **Eucharistic Adoration on Sunday October 7 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 community intention for October is for the Church in grave crisis and its purification.*
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 October it's *Saturday the 6th and Sunday the 7th*. The next rosary will be on the week end of November 3-4. After the Mass, the Rosary is the most perfect prayer. Mary gave it to us.
3. **K of C Benefit Breakfast - Sunday October 14 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. There is no charge, but donations will be accepted for the benefit of the March For Life by those who will represent our parish. ***We need your help*** to setup and prepare the food at 7 am, washing dishes, and cleaning up after each of the two breakfasts. Build parish community with your presence.
4. K of C sponsored **Novena of Reparation for Clerical Abuse every Tuesday at 5:30 pm starting October 16.** Make the sacrifice.
5. **Second and Third Degree Initiation of Knights – Sunday October 21 at noon** in the Knights of Columbus Churchtown Council Hall. All faithful 1st Degree Knights are invited to advance and learn more about the Knights of Columbus, focusing on the virtues of unity and fraternity. The candidates will go together. Call Grand Knight Tyler Reynolds at (740-853-2511). The first degree focuses on charity; 4th degree on patriotism.
6. **Monthly Business Dinner Meeting - Monday October 22 at 6:30 pm with Rosary at 6 pm in the church.** 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. Come earlier for the Rosary. We cannot be an effective Council without the Lord's help and guidance. ***The next 4th Monday of the month Dinner Meeting will be on Monday November 26 at 6:30 pm with Rosary at 5:45 pm.***
7. **Halloween Party for the Kids – Thursday October 25 at 6 pm.**
8. **Football Raffle Tickets** are *due on October 25*. They may be obtained from Grand Knight Tyler Reynolds at 740-853-2511.