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



On February 27 the Knights of Columbus held their annual Free Throw Contest at the Guiding Hands School Gym on 77 Millcreek Road for the developmentally disabled children of Gallia County and the adults of Gallico Industries. All of them look forward to the event every year. They love the Knights of Columbus tee shirts we give them and are thrilled in winning the medals.

Our council has been doing this for over 20 years. The knights receive more from the heart-warming experience than what they give in organizing the event, keeping score, refereeing, and cheering on the participants. It's always fulfilling and fun. Usually many knights help out, but this year we were shorthanded. Notice that the participants are wearing the medals they won in their mini-olympics.

We can reflect that God has given each one of these kids a special mission or purpose in life, the same as to each one of us. Each and every one of these beautiful kids and adults has as much dignity as the president. Each one of them is as valuable as you or me.....all created according to the image and likeness of God. After all, Christ died for them, the same as He suffered and died for you and me. We thank the kids and the adults for giving us the opportunity to love and give a little of ourselves as we take a little step towards holiness. Beautiful is their simplicity and ability to enjoy the little things in life. In that way they can teach us a thing or two.....take time out from the busy All American rat race, smell the flowers, and enjoy our God in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. These beautiful people will make it to heaven before all of us and ultimately that's all what matters! Other photos will be sent with our online newsletter to all of our knights who have e-mail and to our website, stlouiscatholicchurchgallia.org on which our Council has a special section.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR YOUR MARRIAGE TODAY? *Expect your marriage to be full of crosses.* As part of marriage preparation, many Croatian priests introduce the bride to the groom saying: "Meet your cross". Then he says to the bride "Meet your cross. You both are entering Calvary". With that mentality, the couple does not have false expectations about a fairy tale marriage in which they will live happily ever after. As a result, marriages do better in Croatia. Your wife is your greatest joy and also your biggest cross. Bearing that cross with patience and love until death do you part, will make you a saint and that's what life is all about.....becoming a saint, i.e., making it to heaven. If not, your life is a complete failure even if you die the richest man in the world. Marriage is mutual sanctification.....making each other holy, helping each other get to heaven.

First Bonanza Raffle Turn-in – April 7. Proceeds support Knights of Columbus charities all over the world as well as our own Scholarship Fund. *This first turn-in is crucial* because it gives our Council the maximum rebate that we use to finance the scholarships we give to high schools seniors of our parish. So please be aggressive in selling the tickets and generous in buying as many tickets as you can to win \$50,000.....25 cash prizes worth \$108,000 in all. Contact any knight to buy a ticket. Turn in your tickets and money to Oscar Bastiani or use the deposit box in the vestibule.

Adoration and Holy Mass Now a Standard Part of Our Council Meetings. Since the spiritual formation of its members is an important part of the mission of the Knights of Columbus, every council meeting will be preceded by Adoration at 4:30 pm and Mass at 5:30 pm. Furthermore, our Council very much needs God's guidance and help to be fruitful in serving our families, our parish family, the Church, and the surrounding community. Members are urged to attend both the Mass and the meeting that follows with supper, great fellowship, decision making, planning, and coordination. Our next meeting with Mass and Adoration will be on Monday March 25.

The scholarships that we award to our high school students are now named the *Msgr. William R. Myers Memorial Scholarship*. High school seniors, don't forget to apply.

A Priestly Hall of Fame. We will post a plaque to honor every priest that has served as pastor of St. Louis Church since the first settlement in 1790. Thus our parish hall will be a mini Hall of Fame.

Don't forget our collection of non perishable food for the local Food Pantry in the back of the church..

Please pray for Bob Freyberg, Robert King, Bruce Davison, and Keith Davison.

Activities and Announcements for the Month of April

1. **Monthly Business Dinner Meeting** - Monday April 22 at 6:30 pm with Eucharistic Adoration at 4:30 pm and Mass at 5:30 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 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 Dinner Meeting will be on Monday May 20 at 6:30 pm.*
2. **K of C Breakfast to honor the children who will receive their First Holy Communion** - Sunday April 28 after the 10 am Mass only. Any money donated will go for Knights of Columbus charities. 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. Everyone in the parish is invited to celebrate and make this day special for the children.
3. **Eucharistic Adoration** - Divine Mercy Sunday April 28 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 prayer intention for April* is God's mercy for us and for the virtue of having mercy on others, especially upon those who have offended us or need our help.
4. **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 to the next official induction of new knights and the Ohio State Convention of the Knights of Columbus.



