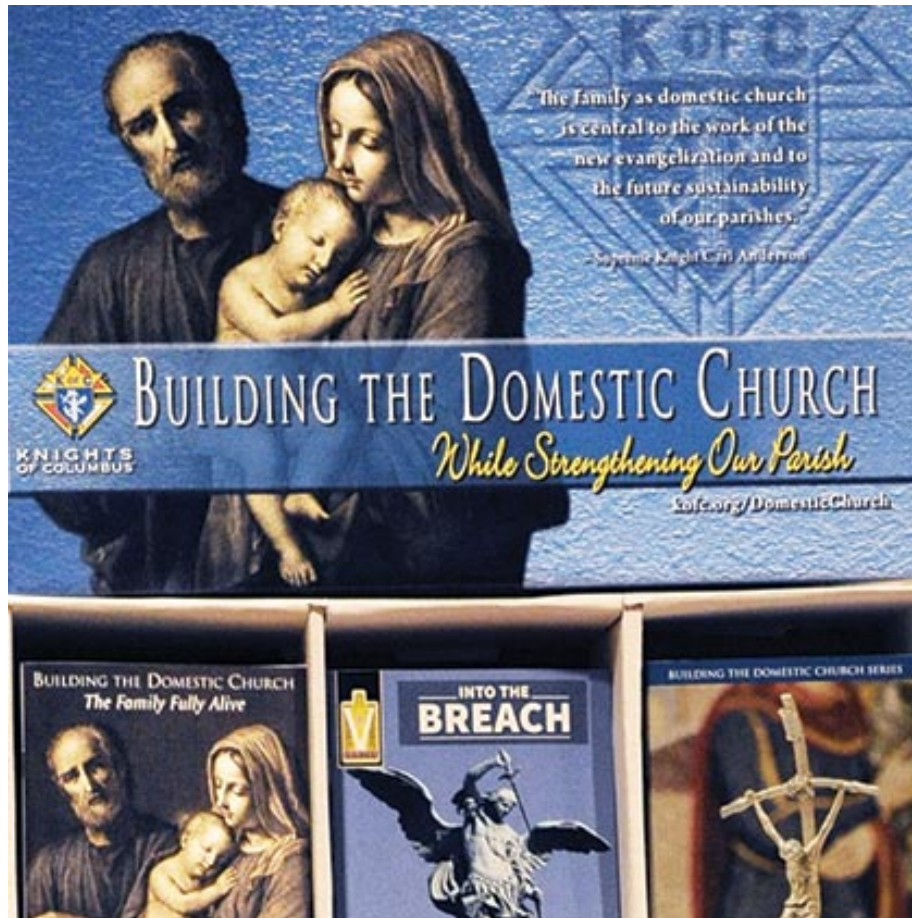




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NEWS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST. LOUIS COUNCIL 3335



The family, the basic unit of Society and the Church, is under attack from all sides. About half of all marriages break up. Despite required marriage preparation, Catholic homes are not immune to the tragedy of divorce and the children suffer the most psychologically and spiritually. The Church teaches that real marriage can only be the union of one man and one woman in complete giving of self to each other (Theology of the Body). In divorce and so called same sex marriage, children are deprived of benefitting from the special God given gifts that only a mother AND a father can provide. Men and women are different and complement each other with special talents, traits, and gifts. Even intact families are often dysfunctional with excessive drama. Most children only have an absentee father as a result of sex outside of marriage and divorce. Single mothers and cohabitation for convenience or pleasure are all too common.

The Knights of Columbus has stepped into the breach to promote and strengthen the Domestic Church. The term “Domestic Church” dates to the 1st Century A.D. It is the Christian family, the smallest body of gathered believers in Christ. That makes the home a little church. The Early Church Fathers recognized the home as fertile ground for discipleship, sanctification, and holiness. The Church has always believed in the importance of the home, but today a renewed emphasis on the concept of Domestic Church is URGENT. Christ must be the center of the home. The importance of the Faith must be central.....family prayer, Sunday Mass as a family every single Sunday, confession at least once a year, active participation in parish life, bedtime stories of the saints, children’s bible story books, at least some holy pictures on the walls of the house, talking about the Faith, virtue, etc. at dinner. **THE PRINCIPLE EDUCATORS IN THE FAITH ARE PARENTS**, not PSR whose function is only to assist parents. If you don’t do anything to make your house a domestic church, it is little more than a glorified hotel that provides room, board, and material needs. Changing the world begins with a solid domestic church.

The Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus is asking its local councils to strengthen the domestic church (our families) by distributing engaging literature and sponsoring parish activities approved by the pastor (resources at kofc.org).

WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR YOUR MARRIAGE TODAY? Continuing with Our Sunday Visitor's interviews of experts for tips on improving marriages and family life: #4) **Build a Spiritual Foundation**. According to Jason Angelette of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, good marriages "must be built on a foundation, not a tool box." Tools learned at a workshop are valuable, but a solid spiritual foundation must come first. Echoing Pope St. John Paul II, the foundation should include regular prayer, reception of the Holy Eucharist and Reconciliation. "Bishop Fulton Sheen (soon to be beatified) noted that Christ's first recorded word in His public ministry was 'Come' and His last word was 'Go'", Angelette said. "We must continue to come to Christ for that grace we need and then go and love."

Our grateful thanks to our Catholic Women's Club for all the work they put into sponsoring the recent Grandparents and belated Father's Day brunch.

Pro Football Sweepstakes. Winners each week are determined by the performance of the four teams designated on the ticket for each of ten weeks (October 27 to December 29) of the National Football League season. Each ticket gives you ten chances to win. This is a great money maker for our Council to finance its charitable activities. Sell or buy as many of the \$20 tickets as you can. Tickets may be obtained from Oscar Bastiani or ask any knight. Turn in October 13.

The Knights of Columbus Life Insurance, top rated for financial security among all insurance companies, is your best buy to protect your family against the unforeseen and save for the future. Statistics show that only 59% of Americans own life insurance policies and about half of those are underinsured. Call Michael Williams, your local field agent, at 614-452-0492 or send him an e-mail at michael.williams@kofc.org. He would be happy to assist you.

Please pray for our ailing brother knights Dick Cornett, Ray DeGarmo, and Bruce Davison.

Activities for the Month of October

- 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 October it's Saturday the 5th and Sunday the 6th.* The next rosary will be on the week end of November 2-3. 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, for the renewal of our Church and the sanctification of priests, the poor souls in Purgatory, and personal intentions. First thing out of bed.....offer up your day. Pray the rosary at home; the family that prays together, stays together.
- 2. Eucharistic Adoration in Observance of Respect Life Sunday – October 6 after the 10 am Mass until 4 pm.** The spiritual formation of its members is part of the mission of the Knights of Columbus. 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; and share your innermost thoughts and concerns with Him to obtain healing and strength to keep going. You will find peace. *The recommended community intention for October is God's mercy to end abortion, euthanasia, and illicit research in violation of Church teaching.* The next Eucharistic Adoration is Sunday November 3. There is also adoration an hour before daily Mass.
- 3. K of C Coffee & Donuts - Sunday October 13 after the 8 am and 10 am Masses** (2nd Sunday of each month). It will be great fellowship, which strengthens our parish community. Bring your family and friends. There is no charge, but donations will be accepted to cover costs and for the benefit of the March For Life by those who will represent our parish in January. We have discontinued the brunch because of a lack of help.
- 4. Business Dinner Meeting this Month - Monday October 28 at 6:30 pm with 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. That begins with YOU! 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 November 25.*