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



Sir Knight Bruce Davison, former grand knight, and Fr. Thomas Hamm, our council chaplain, stand next to the Domestic Church kiosk after a Knights of Columbus Sunday Mass which was suspended in March due to the Covid-19 pandemic. As part of a national program the knights are using these kiosks to dispense free booklets designed to help parents to build the Domestic Church in their homes. That includes all of our homes. The titles include:

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| 1) The Family Fully Alive.....Prayers, Meditations, and Activities to Enrich Your Family Life;                        |   |
| 2) Into the Breach.....An Apostolic Exhortation to Catholic Men by Bishop Thomas Olmsted;                             |   |
| 3) The Gift of Fatherhood;  | 4) Lord, Teach Us to Pray;                                  |
| 5) Prayer Time.....a Collection of Catholic Prayers;  | 6) Letter to Families by St. Pope John Paul II;             |
| 7) The Good Life, God's Way;  | 8) The Family in the Modern World by St. Pope John Paul II; |
| 9) A Scriptural Rosary For the Family;  | 10) Becoming a Real Man of God;                             |
| 11) Mary, the Mother of God;  | 12) St. Benedict For Busy Parents;                          |
| 13) St. Joseph: Our Father in Faith;  | 14) God's Plan For Love and Marriage;                       |
| 15) Complete My Joy.....An Apostolic Exhortation to Husbands and Wives, Mothers and Fathers by Bishop Thomas Olmsted. |   |



**Build it and they will come.....the first little chapel.**

**The Domestic Church is the theme of the 2020 Family Fest in Crown City October 18-24.** If you build it, they will come. Every summer since 2015 brother knight Tim Stapleton and his family of eight have attended the week long Family Fests at Catholic Familyland at Bloomingdale, Ohio off of Route 22 near Steubenville (see [www.afc.org](http://www.afc.org)). They loved it so much that Tim and his wife Chrissy had an implausible thought: “Let’s bring Familyland to Gallia County to the few acres of land that Tim’s parents own in Crown City.” The first fest in October 2017 began with one day; in 2018 it was two days, inviting local family, friends, and their kids.

Last year they got more ambitious with a weekend. The Stapletons took it on as an extended family project to build a chapel, seating about 25 people. The building was engineered by his father, John Stapleton. Brother knights Mike Stapleton, cousin DJ, and his brother-in-law Grand Knight Tyler Reynolds had a part. They did build it and they came, over a hundred people.....for camping, sports, fishing, games, face painting, fellowship, grilled food on the fire, daily Mass, rosary & marshmallows around a bonfire,



the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3 pm, etc. All who came had a good time, playing, praying, and learning about the faith.



**Balloons, volleyball, and fun. The chapel is in the background.**

One day this past winter very gusty winds destroyed the chapel. Nothing keeps the extended Stapleton family down, be it fire that destroyed his sister's family home or wind. Undeterred, the Stapletons reconstructed the chapel and plan to make the 2020 October Family Fest bigger and better with hiking, crafts, dancing, a movie night, and several speakers on how to make the home a domestic church where Jesus Christ is the center of the family and all grow in Christian virtue. This year the Knights of Columbus Council 3335 has agreed to be one of the sponsors as the Fest expands to seven days.

Sunday afternoon October 18 is the first day as people arrive and pitch their tents (no campers). There are hotels in Gallipolis, a half hour away. Everyone is invited from here, there and everywhere be it for one day or

seven. Set your GPS to 334 King Chapel Rd.; Crown City, Ohio 45623 and GO! Send an e-mail to [paulrsebastian@yahoo.com](mailto:paulrsebastian@yahoo.com) for a schedule and more detail. The event, including meals, are free. However, donations will be accepted. Since most of the activities are out of doors, masks are not required, but strongly recommended for all, especially the vulnerable (the elderly and those with underlying conditions).

**Mini Rosary Crusade For an End to the Covid-19 Pandemic and Wisdom For Voters to Choose the Best Candidates.** Over the centuries the faithful have gone to Mary for her intercession in stopping plagues and invasions of radical Islam. Many times her role was crucial in history. Today 2020 it's our turn to go to Mary. On Tuesday November 3 the people of the United States will elect the president, congressmen, and local authorities. This presidential election is perhaps the most critical in American history. Again we go to Mother Mary for her intercession that God will inspire voters to elect the best candidates in His eyes not ours. The rosary is not simply repetitive prayer; it serves as background music for mainly meditations of key events in the life of Mary and her son.

The Knights of Columbus Council 3335 St. Louis is sponsoring a Mini Rosary Crusade for these two huge intentions. We will try to flood Heaven with rosary prayers before every weekend Mass in October and November 1. In addition we will have our annual Rosary Rally in the Gallipolis City Park on Saturday October 10 at noon. Furthermore the Family Fest will have rosary every evening and finally you, dear reader are asked to also pray the rosary every day on your own. "The family that prays together stays together." The easiest is to go to EWTN cable, satellite, or internet at [www.ewtn.com](http://www.ewtn.com) at 7:30 am, 11:30 am, 3:30 pm, or 9:30 pm with paintings and images of the Holy Land for meditation. Prayers are powerful; your prayers can make a difference! Your prayers can change the world, especially those of the sick and the handicapped who offer all of their crosses to the Lord as a dynamic prayer.