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



Families praying the rosary together as part of our parish family.....big and small.....babies, little kids, big kids! *“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them”* (Matthew 18:20). Our Lord is there and Mary too during every Family Rosary in your domestic church. Notice in the right photo the statue of Mary and the image of Our Lady of Fatima, asking for repentance, offering our crosses for the conversion of sinners, and praying the rosary daily for peace. The great Ohio River is in the background. The knights always have supported family and the spiritual growth of its members.

The turnout for the 2021 Rosary Rally was the best ever in the Gallipolis City Park overlooking the Ohio River in the downtown area.....about 50 men, women, children, and even babies. The Gallipolis Public Square Rosary Rally joined 17,000 rallies all over the United States, praying the rosary at noon. The Public Square Rosary Rally was founded by the America Needs Fatima group (see www.americanneedsfatima.org to organize a rosary rally in other towns

and obtain a free banner). Their goal is to promote Mary's 1917 message at Fatima, Portugal.



Brother Knight James Davison introduced the rally in the Gallipolis City Park in 2008 or so. While he was serving our country in the army, the Knights of Columbus as the sponsor and the people of the parish continued his legacy every year since 2011 (see blogs #6 & # 100 for previous Rosary Rally reports at <http://paulrsebastianphd.blogspot.com>) on the Saturday closest to the anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun that occurred at Fatima on October 13, 1917. These rallies are also the legacy of Fred Edelmann, who asked the Knights of Columbus from his deathbed to organize and lead the rosary before Sunday Mass. We continue to do that before every Mass on the First Saturday and Sunday of every month, before every Fifth Sunday Knights of Columbus Mass, and our homage to Christ the King when we offer the Mass for our deceased knights.



Fr. Thomas Hamm, our pastor and chaplain of our Council, blessed rosaries at the very beginning of the rally. We concluded the rally with a song to honor our Mother, Mary. We gathered in the park on the 2nd Street side which had the most traffic and behind the small Veterans Memorial. That makes our Rosary Rally more meaningful in that we were praying for peace when there would be less need for a large military and mainly career soldiers would be used to keep the peace.



The children added a special flavor to the rally with their beauty and pure hearts. A crying baby was like music, no bother at all. The babies present were very symbolic of the pro-life movement to stop abortion, which snuffs out the lives of over a million little human beings in the womb each year. The children were at their best behavior with great reverence. It was most impressive. Some of the kids even knelt down on the grass. It was a sacrifice for the people who have difficulty standing; thus some sat on lawn chairs and a nearby park bench. Some of the sick, the bedridden, the shut-ins, and others joined us at home. Fr. Thomas Hamm, our pastor, led the rosary. He preceded each of the joyful mysteries with a Bible reading and a meditation of Pope Francis. We did the Joyful Mysteries because non-Catholics would be more comfortable with them and their scriptural content. It was all a beautiful witness and a profession of faith.



Thanks to All Who Participated in Our Rosary Rally, giving up part of their Saturday. Your presence, your witness made a difference including the kids, the future of the Church. This experience may have a significant influence on their future lives as they pass down the faith to their kids. Let us continue to be witnesses for the Faith as we put into practice the Fatima Message.....repentance, pray.....pray the rosary daily for peace; foster a devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary; and sacrifice (offering of crosses) for the conversion of sinners and reparation for sin.

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE FOR YOUR MARRIAGE TODAY?

Use the Bible and teachings of the Church as a guide for your marriage and your domestic church. A good idea is to read the Bible to each other often if not daily. **1 Peter 3:7:** "Husbands give honor to your wives. Treat your wife with understanding as you live together. She may be weaker than you are, but she is your equal partner in God's gift of new life. Treat her as you should so your prayers will not be

hindered." Go to <https://www.theknot.com/content/bible-verses-about-marriage> for a collection of Bible quotes on marriage.

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 November it's Saturday the 6th and Sunday the 7th. Make a sacrifice and come a little earlier. The next rosary will be on the week end of December 4-5. After the Mass, the Rosary is the most perfect prayer which Mary herself gave us. Our Lady urges us to pray the rosary for the conversion of sinners and peace daily; the need is urgent. The focus is not on repetitive prayer, but on the meditation of each of the five mysteries. In the month of the Poor Souls you can offer up the rosary for a deceased loved one.

Knights of Columbus Mass in Homage to Christ the King (Viva Cristo Rey!) by His faithful knights – Sunday November 21 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*. The Mass intention will be for **all deceased knights** of our Council 3335. **Each deceased knight of our council will be publicly remembered & honored by name.** There will be a *rosary for the deceased at 9:20 am*.

Eucharistic Adoration for the Feast of Christ the King - Sunday November 21 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. You don't have to be in regalia. 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; listen to Him; and share your innermost thoughts and concerns with Him to obtain healing and strength to keep going. You will find peace. *The recommended community prayer intention for November is for the poor souls in purgatory, for veterans still hurting, and that the world may recognize Christ as their true sovereign king of the universe.*

Monthly Business Dinner Meeting - *Monday November 22 at 6:30 pm with Rosary at 5:45 pm in the Parish Hall Chapel.* It will probably be a zoom meeting via computer. We have great fellowship at our dinner meetings and the input of every knight is most valuable 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. *The next 4th Monday of the month Dinner Meeting is scheduled for December 27.* Please talk it up.

Four Year Knights of Columbus Scholarships to KofC members and their children, who will be entering a Catholic college next Fall as freshmen. The amount is \$1,500 per year (total \$6,000). Write jean.graney@kofc.org for an application. Usually they award about 20 scholarships; the deadline is March 1.

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. We need more young men to step up and gain valuable experience for their careers.

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