

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

Our parish just had perhaps its busiest weekend ever with Confirmation at the 5:30 Mass on Saturday April 24 followed by Confirmation at a special Mass at 2:30 on the following afternoon. The sons and daughters of several of our brother knights were among the youth who received their First Holy Communion and the sacrament of Confirmation.



<u>The First Holy Communion Class of 2022</u> includes from left to right Lucia Stapleton, Blake Ours, Sadie Sola, Cooper Randles, Sophia Angel, Jerra Houck, and Gianna Lewis as their pastor Fr. Thomas Hamm and teacher Jaga Sebastian proudly look on. May they always preserve their purity of that day after receiving our Lord's greatest gift on this side of eternity......His very self in the Eucharist. May they never miss the opportunity of receiving Jesus in their hearts body and blood, soul and divinity every single Sunday without fail together with their families if possible. May they always be faithful to Jesus and the Church He founded and that goes for us too. Since God can do all things and we know that He instituted this holy sacrament for the ages, the awesome truth of the Eucharist as being Christ Himself is easy to believe. Let us take advantage of this awesome gift as often as possible, appreciating its wonder that is a manifestation of God's tremendous love for every one of us. The reception of the Eucharist puts us in communion with God and all who receive it in a sacred banquet.



left to right **Confirmation** Class of 2022. in From the front Tyler The row are Angel, Tobias Lewis, Wyatt Davison, Hayley Metzger, Sadie Randles, Sofia Nolan, and Benjamin Garrett. In the second row are our pastor Fr. Thomas Hamm, Keagan Daniels, Tripp Sola, Annalise Hill, Yareli Reyes, and our Bishop Jeffrey Notice the windows in the background restored to its original splendor after undergoing repair and a Monforton. thorough cleaning. The sacrament of Confirmation reinforces, deepens, completes the graces of Baptism, and seals or confirms the baptized person in union with Christ. As infants their godparents made the profession of faith in their behalf. Now they themselves firmly profess the faith as a more mature lifetime commitment, willing to die for it if necessary. Having received the graces of the sacrament and the gifts of the Holy Spirit to equip them for active participation in the apostolic life, this marks a new beginning in the Christian life for each one of them. We have the gifts of the Holy Spirit, but we must develop them and call upon them when needed in our lives. The same as the apostles on the first Pentecost, may they be on fire for the Lord willing to not only keep the faith but to SPREAD IT by praver, example, witness, word, and deed in big ways or little ways with boldness and courage. As missionaries by Baptism, we must share the faith as opportunities arise. May we continue to learn about the faith by reading, classes, watching EWTN, and Bible studies. Having been confirmed as soldiers of Christ, we must be willing to defend the faith when attacked and above all, to always be FAITHFUL to Christ and His Church. Never be a deserter. Thanks to the Sola family for the photos.

<u>Monthly Business Dinner Meeting</u> - *Monday May 23 at 6:30 pm, preceded by either Mass or Rosary at 5:30 pm in the church.* Prayer is essential to our success. Members are urged to attend both it and the meeting that follows with supper, great fellowship, decision making on future activities, planning, and coordination. <u>The input of every knight is most valuable</u>. 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 will be on Monday June 27 at 6:30 pm.* Please talk it up. We're struggling to reorganize and be as active as we were before the Covid-19 pandemic. With your help we can become a Star Council again as we were in the past.