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



Inside the church we have a foretaste of Heaven in the Eucharist, the body and blood, soul and divinity of Christ Himself. During the Easter season the large bouquet of flowers, beautifully arranged by Trudy Miller and placed under the altar, added to the atmosphere inside, giving glory to God. Outside Sir Knight Bruce Davison and his Lady Janice planted many flowers, making the church and its grounds a little more heavenly. Having run a nursery and green house for many years, they utilized all that experience to beautify our church grounds. The couple has plans to make our church garden even more beautiful next year. They often give people advice regarding their gardens at home. In the left photo the statue of Mary faces State Street and the statue of St. Philomena, donated by Brother Knight David Stapleton, faces the parish hall in the back. Behind the statue of St. Philomena in the right photo are several rose bushes donated by Sir Knight Dr. Mel Simon and his Lady Lydia, who also planted many flowers in the past. Brother knight Josh Davison, a professional landscaper, planted the roses and keeps them trimmed. The roses will come to full bloom later in the summer. Remy Simon, a little flower physically and spiritually, also has done a lot of work with the flowers of St. Louis Church inside and outside. Thank you all who have helped to make our church and grounds so beautiful. Let us not forget brother Knight Fr. Bill Myers (RIP) who started it. Thanks to Patty Hays, a professional photographer, for the photos used here.



**In the Spring the blossoms of dogwood trees (above left photo), resembling a cross, usually bloom in time for Holy Week and Easter. In the right photo there's another view of the flowers with the parish hall in the background.**

In the back of the rectory is another garden with a statue of St. Francis. On the left end of the Parish Hall, there is a patio lined by the Stations of the Cross done by the Confirmation class of Pam Dovyak. Our church gardens are not large, but enough to walk through and meditate on the goodness and awesomeness of God during an afternoon of adoration or after Mass. While meditating, one may be struck by the beauty and tremendous variety in God's creation. This is evident in the great variety of flowers in our church garden. "What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him" (1 Cor 2:9). We don't really know what Heaven is like, but beautiful flowers must be there too.

## **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.

**Eucharistic Adoration for the Month of the Precious Blood - Sunday July 10 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 July is for our Country as it celebrates 246 years of freedom and independence, for life, and for world peace especially in Ukraine. May America always be a nation under God, faithful to the vision and ideals of its founding fathers.*

**Monthly Business Dinner Meeting - Monday July 25 at 6:30 pm with Rosary at 5:45 pm in the Parish Hall Chapel.** 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. *The next 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of*

*the month Dinner Meeting is scheduled for August 22.* Please talk it up.

**Knights of Columbus Fifth Sunday Mass** – *Sunday July 31 (next is October 30) at 10 am.* The 4<sup>th</sup> Degree knights will process in the new more modern 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.* Come for the pre-Mass rosary at 9:20 am. Brother knight, even though you habitually attend the 5:30 pm Vigil Mass or the 8 am Mass, please make a special effort to attend with your family. Your presence will make this Knights of Columbus Mass very special.

**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.

**Knights of Columbus Supplies, Plaques, Regalia, Gear, Hats, Jackets, Pins, Tie Clasps (tie bar), Bibles, Rosaries, etc.** Order on line at [www.knightsgear.com](http://www.knightsgear.com) or call 1-855-GEAR-KOC (855-432-7562) for personalized service. There is a link to it on the Knights of Columbus website at [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org). The English Company is also a

supplier for the Knights of Columbus, but not regalia. Order on line at [www.kofcsupplies.com](http://www.kofcsupplies.com) or call 1-800-444-kofc (1-800-444-5632).

**Excursion on the Ohio River.** Our youth, each with a parent, will have the opportunity to take a trip on the Ohio River with Brother Knight Butch Leport, an experienced riverboat captain. Details will be in our church bulletin when plans are finalized.