



# Knights of Columbus

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**We will hold our regular business meeting this month. You are encouraged to wear a face mask and practice social distancing.**

*December 2020*

Thank you to:

- Pat Loney, Don Birmingham, Bob Stuhlsatz, and Dean Pater for securing wood for the parish men's bonfire and to Bruce Luehring and James Ramsey for setting up the food for the evening.
- Chaplain Fr. Michael Brungardt and the degree team for a very successful degree on Monday, November 9. Joining our council are Blake Carpenter, Patrick Mason, Stratton Moore, Glen Santos, and Noah Stolz. Larry Similton became a third-degree member by attending the ceremony.
- Bob Stuhlsatz for organizing our annual food drive to benefit the Derby Operation Holiday program. Without passing around food baskets as in the past, over 200 lbs. of food and around \$3700 were collected. Thanks also to Don Birmingham for helping with the delivery of the food.

### **Faith in Action—A Family Advent**

“Advent is a time of waiting, conversion and of hope” — so the *Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy* from the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments tells us. Often families celebrate Advent by displaying an Advent wreath and using Advent Calendars, however, including the Jesse Tree and focusing on the special feasts during Advent can add an educational element to the preparation for Christmas. The Jesse Tree explains the story of salvation history, beginning with creation and going through all the people in the Bible in Jesus' family tree, right up to Jesus' birth. The special feasts during Advent that are focused on Mary are the Immaculate Conception and Our Lady of Guadalupe, and the feast days of Sts. Nicholas, Francis Xavier and Lucy all occur during Advent. Another tradition of displaying a Nativity Set with an empty manger is an excellent way to keep the focus on preparing for the historical coming of our Savior. Then the promise in the Gospels of the second coming of Jesus can be addressed as an added dimension of Advent and can set a penitential tone that could lead to added family prayer and/or service projects during Advent. Covid-19 is forcing many of us to slow down and perhaps reclaim Advent as a time of reflection and preparation rather than just the 4 weeks before Christmas.

### **Upcoming Events (Volunteer and Stewardship Opportunities)**

The Tootsie Roll Campaign scheduled in November was canceled due to the high positive rate of Covid-19 tests in Sedgwick county and the fact that most of the volunteers are in the high-risk category. However, our council still wants to support the same programs that assist individuals with intellectual disabilities, namely, Derby Free Spirits, Special Olympics, Starkey Intl., and the Diocesan Ministry with Persons with Disabilities. We hope to generate some funds by offering a box of 50 tootsie rolls for \$20 to anyone wishing to help. You can reserve a box or more by calling John Kennedy at 788-5829. The tootsie rolls will be available after the Masses the weekend of December 12 and 13 in the Gather Space of the Faith Center and at the monthly business meeting on Monday, December 14. So this year, skip the candy canes that no one really likes and buy tootsie rolls!

Our council will host the annual free throw contest in the parish gym in January on either the 13<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup>. John Washburn will be asking for several volunteers to help when the details are finalized.

Pat Loney would like to offer a carry out steak/chicken dinner in late January. Volunteers will be needed to prepare the meals and the to-go boxes for the event. Watch the parish bulletin and the January newsletter for more information.

### **Ray Kennedy Memorial Religious Vocation Fund Raffle**

Ray Kennedy, a lifetime honorary member of our council, Past Grand Knight, and Past District Deputy, passed away last February. Several members expressed a desire to recognize his contribution to our council and, thus, we are initiating a fund-raising raffle that will commence in January. Council members will be asked to sell 300 raffle tickets at \$20 per ticket by the end of February. John Washburn will distribute the raffle tickets. Then beginning at our business meeting in March, three tickets will be drawn for each of the first three months of 2021. Each of the nine winning ticket is worth \$100 cash and we will continue drawing 3 tickets each month for the remainder of the year. Each ticket that is drawn throughout the year will be removed from any further drawings. The payout of \$3600 will leave a profit of \$2400 if every raffle ticket is sold. This amount will be distributed to 4 or 5 local individuals studying at a seminary or convent.

### **Consecration to the Holy Family**

The first weekend after Christmas, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family. Our council will participate in the Consecration to the Holy Family program this month on the weekend of December 26 and 27. The program's purpose is to invite families to consecrate themselves to the ideal model of the family love set by Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori has composed a prayer to help families live out the joy of the Holy Family. In this prayer we ask for the aid of the Perfect Son, Jesus, and the intercession of the perfect mother, Mary, and Joseph, the model for every father, to protect our families. This prayer has been printed on a holy card that will be available to all parishioners.

### **Calendar**

Dec. 12-13 Saturday and Sunday Tootsie Roll Campaign after the weekend Masses

Dec. 14 Monday **No Pot-Luck Christmas Dinner this year due to Covid.** Rosary at 7 pm followed by our monthly business meeting.

Dec. 26-27 Saturday and Sunday Consecration to the Holy Family at the weekend Masses.

**No officer's meeting Monday December 28.**

Jan. 11 Monday Rosary at 7 pm followed by our monthly business meeting.

### **For the Good of the Order - Please remember the following in your prayers:**

Harry Murphy, Richard Jones, Andy Wojcik, Tony Wojcik, Dan Dinkel's father, Kyle Straub, Ron Mahoney, Harold Lux, Tony & Sylvia Duran, Dick Hopper, Jack Hagmeier, Gene Kleman, Robert Riedmiller, Cal Wilbert, the family of Ralph Veach, Ernie Knipp, Ken Bruggeman, and our military Brother Knights.

### **Knight of the Month**

Bob Stuhlsatz

### **Family of the Month**

John and Barb Betzen



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