

OLD ST. PATRICK'S IN NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 10963



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Grand Knights Message

Dear Brothers,

Vivat Jesu! The fraternal year is now nearly a quarter complete and we are in full swing. This year I am focusing on further establishing our council by appointing and training men to help run the council. We have a full slate of officers, men are beginning to step forward to run activities and now we have someone who has agreed to step up and produce the council communications - i.e. our Newsletter. Please thank Frank Finch for taking on the important task. In addition, after talking about it, we will be attempting to publish our newsletter monthly, at or just before the meetings. Deadlines are the beginning of each month so please remember to forward any articles for it by then.

This is an election year and this year our Supreme Knight Carl Anderson is exhorting us to become even more actively involved than in the past. Here in Michigan we have a real battle on our hands - Proposition 2. This proposition, backed by big money, if passed would embed in our State Constitution, protection for destructive embryonic stem-cell research as well as provide a legal path to human cloning even if the Supreme Court reverses Roe V Wade. The laws on our books and the protections we worked so hard to put in our Constitution as a fall back once Roe V Wade was overturned will become mute if this amendment is passed. Our Bishops, State Council and Michigan Right to Life have joined forces to defeat this hideous ballot proposal from the grass roots level.

The slogan to remember: "2 goes 2 far, vote no on 2."

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Finally, I want to encourage you to become more active. Include your family and friends. We need volunteers to make our programs work. This is your opportunity to lead your family in both service and spiritual growth. This year I hope we can focus on adding more spiritual and catechetical emphasis to our meetings. I have asked Father Gerald to take his role in our meeting and expand it to all members, wives and children, by providing for us a time of spiritual reflection and Catholic Teaching. The details are still being worked out so look for them in upcoming announcements. In addition, I hope to schedule a retreat for the Brothers this year and as always will encourage you to sign up for Eucharistic Adoration - especially the more difficult hours in the early morning.

I look forward to serving you again this year,

Sincerely,
Michael Cesar, Grand Knight

Next BUSINESS MEETING: Sunday, October 12th AT 12:30 P.M. in the Parish Center

Catholicism on the web

This month, we would like to offer a recommended web page as a source of information for Brother Knights and their families. Each web page that we recommend is verified for fidelity to the Magisterium and contains information and links that are wholesome and spiritually fulfilling.

This month, we would like to direct you to visit Catechetics Online. It can be found at the link listed below this narrative.

Catechetics Online is a site focused on providing resources for Catholic catechists. It seeks to "foster solidarity among Catholic catechists while offering a variety of resources and building community."

This site features online community forums and chat rooms, as well as catechetical, apologetical, spiritual, and general resources. The user can study the Church's teachings, find pictures to use in class, learn the meaning of a Bible verse or look up Aquinas' thoughts on baptism. With so many resources to choose from, this is a great site for *all*, catechists, non-catechists, and especially non-Catholics.

Please be sure to visit this resource on the world wide web at:

<http://www.catecheticsonline.com>



*Please Pray For:
As we go to the Lord and place
these petitions before Him,
let us do so with optimism,
hope and faith.*

For the intentions of ...

- ❖ Herb Langer
- ❖ Richard Thomas
- ❖ Elizabeth Dawson

From your Council Insurance Agent
Todd T. Diffenderfer

September is Life Insurance Awareness Month. To help educate consumers about the need for and value of adequate life insurance protection, the Life Insurance Market Research Association (LIMRA) has published the following five facts. These statistics are certainly worth considering.

Fact 1: Nearly three-fourths of North Americans agree that life insurance is the best way to protect against premature death of the primary wage earner.

Fact 2: Twenty-four million households have no life insurance protection at all. Almost one third of adults have no life insurance protection.

Fact 3: Forty-four percent of all households either don't own life insurance and believe they should, or own life insurance and believe they need more. Among those that already own some life insurance, 40 percent believe they don't have enough. Continued next page ...



Pray the Rosary
For Peace

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Insurance Agent continued ...

Fact 4: One-fourth of primary wage earners feel they do not have a plan in place to provide a decent standard of living for their family if they died tomorrow. Twelve percent of families would immediately have trouble meeting everyday living expenses and another 15 percent would have difficulty keeping up after several months.

Fact 5: People would like to discuss life insurance with a qualified professional agent. They believe that buying life insurance is an important and complex financial decision. Half find it difficult to decide how much to buy, and 43 percent worry about making the wrong decision.

I'd like to meet with you in your home, at your convenience. I'll work with you to make sure your family is protected. As a brother Knight you can trust, I'll take the stress and worry out of the buying decision.

I'm can be reached at 248-366-4807 or via e-mail todd.diffenderfer@kofc.org. Call me - let's talk.

Todd Diffenderfer
Field Agent
Knights of Columbus

Awards & Recognition

Knight of the Month

Jim Stephenson - August
Mike Porter - July

Family of the Month

Finch Family - August
Galbraith Family - July

40 Days of Life

From **September 24 - November 2**, our community will be one of more than 170 cities in 45 states joining together for the largest and longest coordinated pro-life mobilization in history -- the *40 Days for Life* campaign.

While all aspects of *40 Days for Life* are crucial in our effort to end abortion, the most visible component is the peaceful prayer vigil outside the local abortion (or Planned Parenthood) facility. You can help make a life-saving impact by joining our local vigil at:

Planned Parenthood
3100 Professional Dr., Ann Arbor
Professional Dr. is off of Huron Parkway
just south of Washtenaw Ave.

Sign up to participate in our local *40 Days for Life* vigil by clicking the "Vigil Schedule" link on the 40 Days for Life page at: <http://www.40daysforlife.com/annarbor/>

To learn more, sign up for specific vigil hours, or let us know how you feel called to serve God in this effort, please contact the local *40 Days for Life* leadership team:

Paul Dobrowolski (Campaign Director)
734-944-7790
dubbsy@verizon.net

2007-08 Council Officers

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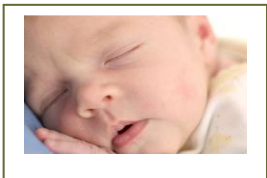
Insurance Agent: **Todd Diffenderfer**
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Knights of Columbus Breakfasts

We always welcome much needed help during our Monthly and very popular Sunday breakfasts! Please consider spending a few hours with your Brother Knights and help serve your fellow Parishioners. If you are interested, please see any Council Officer or, contact Jesse Sutton at 734-645-1711

Legislative Corner

The State Council of the Knights of Columbus has officially joined the Catholic Church and other pro-life organizations such as Right to Life Michigan in an effort to defeat Proposition 2 in Michigan. Proposition 2 if passed, would end the ban on unrestricted experimentation on live human embryos. The Michigan State Council has already pledged to donate up to \$50,000 to MICAUSE. Further the Michigan State Council will match dollar for dollar, any pledges made at the Council level up to a total of \$50,000 to MiCAUSE! Brother Knights are encouraged to educate themselves and their families on this current proposed amendment to the Michigan Constitution. More information can be found on the Right to Life Michigan web page at: <http://www.rtl.org/> Follow the references made to MiCAUSE. **REMEMBER TO VOTE NO on Proposal 2 in November!**



Know where the candidates stand on Pro-Life issues. Visit Right to Life of Michigan web site at: <http://www.rtl.org/>

Lectors Needed!

Old St. Pats is in need of additional Lectors in particular for the 4:30 p.m. Saturday and 8:00 a.m. Sunday masses. Being a Lector is a great way to serve the church by proclaiming the word of God. If you or your wives are interested in service OSP as Lectors, I will schedule a short training session.

Thanks for your assistance!
In Christ,
Brother Knight Bernard Zacharias
H. 248.437.0072

Timeless Wisdom ... From the writings of Saints

Our earthly nature easily falls away from its higher tone by reason of the frailty and evil tendency of the flesh, oppressing and dragging down the soul, unless it is constantly rising up by means of a vigorous resolution, just as a bird would speedily fall to the ground if it did not maintain its flight by repeated strokes of its wings. In order to this, my daughter you need frequently to reiterate the good resolutions you have made to serve God, for fear that, failing to do so, you fall away, not only to your former condition, but lower still; since it is a characteristic of all spiritual falls that they invariably throw us lower than we were at the beginning.

There is no clock, however good, but must be continually wound up; and moreover, during the course of each year it will need taking to pieces, to cleanse away the rust which clogs it, to straighten bent works, and renew such as are worn. Even so, any one who really cares for his heart's devotion will wind it up to God night and morning, and examine into its condition, correcting and improving it; and at least once a year he will take the works to pieces and examine them carefully;--I mean his affections and passions,--so as to repair whatever may be amiss. And just as the clockmaker applies a delicate oil to all the wheels and springs of a clock, so that it may work properly and be less liable to rust, so the devout soul, after thus taking the works of his heart to pieces, will lubricate them with the Sacraments of Confession and the Eucharist.

These exercises will repair the waste caused by time, will kindle your heart, revive your good resolutions, and cause the graces of your mind to flourish anew.

Excerpt from Chapter V, Part I of Introduction to the Devout Life - Saint Francis de Sales

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Future Calendar of Events

September

13	Saturday	9:30 a.m.	OSP PC – Festival Prep; volunteers needed for concessions
17	Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Rosary followed by Business Meeting – voting on By-Laws
21	Sunday	8:00 a.m.	OSP PC K of C Pancake Breakfast and membership drive VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
24	Wednesday	TBA	40 Days of Life Begins
27	Saturday	9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.	OSP Country Festival – <u>need volunteers to run Soccer Challenge</u>

October

12	Sunday	12:30 p.m.	OSP PC – Pot Luck and/or make up Business Meeting in basement Families welcome for pot luck, meeting only 1 hour!
19	Sunday	12:30 p.m.	2 nd and 3 rd Degrees; St. Joseph of Howell; 440 E. Washington. All who plan to attend RSVP Grand Knight, M. Cesar ASAP!
TBD			All Saints Party - A fun time for family and the kids!

Send newsletter submissions via e-mail to: Sir-Frank10963@wowway.com before the first of every Month for consideration and publication.

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