

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



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Grand Knights Message

Gentlemen,

September was a busy month with the first vote on our Bylaws, our first Sunday Breakfast of the year, a really successful Soccer Challenge and Parish Festival, the beginning of the 40 Days for Life Campaign and Kick off of the Defeat Proposal 2 effort, and the General election/Presidential Debates. All that combined with school starting up and the weather changing, no wonder we all feel tired. Yet in all this, we should continue to count our blessings. A new faithful and wise Bishop. Our Pastor, Fr Gerald, continues to support us in many way. The other groups and organizations acknowledge us and our contribution to our Parish. A place where the Liturgy is revered and protected, great homilies are consistently given/received, opportunities to spend time before the Eucharist abound, and a camaraderie among men, women and children growing and serving our Lord in our Parish and community. What a blessing. Yet there is more...

I am consistently encouraged by the men in our council who willing step up and take on the leadership for something. Last month, I highlighted our new Publicity Director and Newsletter Editor. This month, I want to bring to your attention three more men who stepped up to lead programs in our Council and Parish. First, Bernard Zacharias assumed responsibility for leading and scheduling the Lectors at Mass. This is a very important role we can play in the Liturgy and I encourage all men, wives and children old enough to contact him to volunteer.

Second, Duane Hoepfner, whose wife just had a

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baby, stepped forward to run several family and youth events this year. The first, an All Saints Party, is scheduled for October 31st. This should be a very fun event you can read about later in this issue.

Third, Gerald Wruble volunteered to chair the overseeing and staffing of a table at this years Festival of Lights parade the Friday after Thanksgiving. There we hope to sell baked goodies our wives and children have made to help raise money for some future projects and programs we would like to sponsor later in the year. All these events will be fun and exciting for the whole family to participate in at any level. Finally, let us continue to press on to support the defeat of Proposition 2. Yard signs are now available and can be picked at the Church office of my wife - Angela - or I on most any Sunday. On most Sundays, we will be in the Parish Center before the 10:30 Mass and outside socializing after. Feel free to approach either of us for signs, bumper stickers, pamphlets, or button stickers.

Vivat Jesu,
Michael Cesar, Grand Knight

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

October: Month of the Holy Rosary



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

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. According to an account by fifteenth-century Dominican, Alan de la Roch, Mary appeared to St. Dominic in 1206 after he had been praying and doing severe penances because of his lack of success in combating the Albigensian heresy. Mary praised him for his valiant fight against the heretics and then gave him the Rosary as a mighty weapon, explained its uses and efficacy, and told him to preach it to others.

Since the prayers of the Rosary come from such excellent sources — from Our Lord Himself, from inspired Scripture, and from the Church — it is not surprising that the Rosary is so dear to our Blessed Mother and so powerful with heaven.

"If we consider the power of the Rosary as seen in its effects, we find a great abundance of proofs of its wonderful value. Many are the favors granted to private individuals through its devout recitation: there are few devoted users of the Rosary who cannot testify to experiencing its power in their own lives. If we turn to history, we see many great triumphs of the Rosary. Early tradition attributes the defeat of the Albigensians at the Battle of Muret in 1213 to the Rosary. But even those who do not accept this tradition will admit that St. Pius V attributed the great defeat of the Turkish fleet on the first Sunday of October, 1571, to the fact that at the same time the Rosary confraternities at Rome and elsewhere were holding their processions. Accordingly, he ordered a commemoration of the Rosary to be made on that day.

For the intentions of ...

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

(continued) ... Two years later, Gregory XIII allowed the celebration of a feast of the Rosary in churches having an altar dedicated to the Rosary. In 1671, Clement X extended the feast to all Spain. A second great victory over the Turks, who once, like the Russians, threatened the ruin of Christian civilization, occurred on August 5, 1716, when Prince Eugene defeated them at Peterwardein in Hungary. Thereupon Clement XI extended the feast of the Rosary to the whole Church.

"Today, when dangers far greater than those of the ancient Turks threaten not only Christianity but all civilization, we are urged by our Blessed Mother to turn again to the Rosary for help. If men in sufficient numbers do this, and at the same time carry out the other conditions that she has laid down, we have the greater reason for confidence that we will be delivered from our dangers."

-- *Mary in our Life* by Fr. William G. Most



Pray the Rosary
For an end to
Abortion

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Bishops Ask Catholics to Pray Election Novena

WASHINGTON—The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) invites U.S. Catholics to pray before the November election a novena for life, justice, and peace called Novena for Faithful Citizenship. It is a pod cast and available for download.

Joan Rosenhauer, Associate Director for the USCCB's Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development, said that the special novena is part of "the bishops' campaign to help Catholics develop well-formed consciences for addressing political and social questions." The bishops issued their statement on forming consciences for faithful citizenship in November 2007.

Helen Osman, USCCB Secretary of Communications, expressed hope that the novena could help "Catholics enter into prayerful reflection as they prepare to vote." Seventy-one percent of all visitors to the USCCB's web site download the free pod casts of the daily NAB readings. These same visitors are encouraged to use the novena pod cast for prayer. Osman said that the USCCB wants to support Catholics as they weigh pre-election issues and that "providing a prayer resource on the Web can help us focus on our common values and identity as Catholics." The novena emphasizes the dignity of life, justice, and peace.

The Novena for Faithful Citizenship runs for nine days and can be used consecutively, one day each week, for nine days prior to the election, or "in any way that works best for a community or individual," said Rosenhauer.

The novena will be available for download until the election and it can be downloaded online at <http://www.faithfulcitizenship.org/resources/podcasts>.

For other Faithful Citizenship resources and materials visit www.faithfulcitizenship.org.

Awards & Recognition

Knight of the Month

Gerry Wruble - September

Family of the Month

Kuschel Family - September

40 Days for Life Update

Come, spend an hour in prayer as 40 Days for Life continues our round-the-clock vigil of prayer and fasting at the Planned Parenthood abortuary, 3100 Professional Drive in Ann Arbor. Join us in communal prayer, Eucharistic Adoration, Christian music night, or a Jericho Walk. We need people to pray with us at the vigil site, especially during the evening and night hours. Praying outside an abortion clinic fills our hearts with love for all God's people. As we keep our peaceful vigil of prayer, our job is to pray and feel love for those who work at the abortuary and those who come for abortions. Following the example of Jesus from the cross, we remember that "they know not what they do." Often as we gather in prayer we are privileged to see God work mightily through the mere fact of our presence. A professional man arrived at the vigil site in tears. He said he had strayed from his faith and participated in the killing of three babies. He came to pray that others would heed God's command to choose life.

A couple left the abortuary as we prayed the rosary. The woman did not walk as if she had a surgical procedure. The man seemed angry. As they drove away he made a rude gesture toward the vigil keepers, but the woman gave a teary nod. It appeared that she had decided to give her baby life. Babies are being saved through prayer. Your prayers will help end abortion in America!

To sign up for a particular time contact Vigil Coordinator Al Esper, aesper@ameritech.net or 482-0863. For more information please visit www.40daysforlife.com/annarbor

2007-08 Council Officers

Chaplain	Fr. Gerald Gawronski
Grand Knight	Michael Cesar
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Lecturer	Unassigned

Insurance Agent: **Todd Diffenderfer**
248-366-4807

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

These Men ... They call Knights



Our Worthy Grand Knight asked that I write about the upcoming Degree scheduled for Sunday, October 19th. This is directed at those Brother Knights who made their First Degree and have yet to attend their 2nd and 3rd Degrees. I have a confession to make. I don't know anyone in our Council too well or at our Parish yet. My wife and I like many, drive further than most so that we can attend a Mass that is Holy and spiritually fulfilling. So, here we are and here I am, your Council Recorder who received a special consideration to serve you only as a First Degree Knight. It's important to tell you these things because I longed for our previous Parish to have a Council associated with it. Sure, we had a Men's Club and I served on its Board for a few years. I miss my Brothers there, but I was drawn to the Knights because of the fellowship and fraternal yet, Holy bond that has always been the hallmark of the Knights of Columbus. Sometimes First Degree Knights may feel as though they are not known well, are not part of a group of Men more established and familiar to others than they are. Those First Degree and Second Degree Knights reading this now may also feel that way. I myself am not well known. I am not "local" and may not have been able to form the same close bonds with other more senior Knights yet. But, I trust in the vision that Father McGivney cultivated in 1882 and I trust in the fellowship of the Body of Christ that I don't walk alone as a new Knight. So, it is expected that a Third or Fourth Degree Knight should come to you and encourage you to join them in making your next Degree on October 19th. And I am sure that some already have asked you to continue your journey as a Knight. But if I may be so bold, I would also ask you to not let me be the only one from our Council to make the next Degree at St. Joseph's Parish that afternoon. Come and join me, the one who came here with few friends here, the one who hopes to make new ones that I can call "Brother". Come join me and make a difference in our Council. Come continue the journey with me and join the ranks of those living and those who are with our Lord as we become one of **The Men they call Knights.**

+JMJ
Frank Finch
Worthy Recorder

All Saints Party! Come Join us!

Come join us on All-Hallows' Eve! For a party!

On Friday, October 31, starting at 5:00 p.m. We will begin our celebration by attending holy Mass together. After Mass, a potluck dinner will take place in the parish center followed by games, hayrides, pie eating contests and much more fun! Families are asked to bring a dish to pass along with 4-5 bags of candy.

The costumes can be of favorite saints, religious, or heroes (non-scary costumes please). The event will conclude about 9:30 p.m. Each child will receive a bag of candy to take home with them.

Please be sure to check the Parish bulletin in the next few weeks for details. Brother Knights are asked to step forward and assist in this very proper and Catholic celebration of All-Hallows' Eve! If you wish to volunteer or if you have questions, please contact Duane Hoepfner by calling 517-304-9057



Join Us

2nd Annual Michigan Knights Bus Trip Attending 36th Annual March on Washington

Departs: Council 788 in Lansing: 2:00 p.m.,
January 21, 2009

Departs: St. Mary Church in Chelsea: 3:30 p.m.,
January 21, 2009

Arrive: Basilica, Washington D.C.: 7:00 a.m.
Mass, Jan 22, 2009

Meet: March staging area: 11:30 a.m., Jan 22,
2009

After March: Depart for Hampton Inn, Old Towne
Alexandria, Va

Cost for Hampton Inn: \$159 per room plus tax for
up to 4 people

Reservations: Call Hampton Inn directly at 1-703-
329-1400 Place on your credit card Rooms under
Knights of Columbus (contact is Sue Thorn)
Cost of Bus: \$105.00 per person
Make check for bus payable to:

Michigan State Knights of Columbus

Mail to: Paul and Sue Thorn
768 Lockmoore Ct.
Rochester Hills, Mi 48307

Phone Inquiries: 1-248-852-1758

Deadline for Reservations: December 8, 2008

Future Calendar of Events

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!
15	Wednesday	TBA	OSP PC – Officers Meeting
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!
26	Sunday	After Mass	Knights of Columbus Breakfast after Masses- Volunteers needed!
31	Friday	5:00 p.m-9:30 p.m.	All Saints Party - A fun time for family and the kids; Mass followed by potluck dinner, hay rides and a great deal of fun!

November

4	Tuesday	All day	Election Day – Be sure to VOTE!
9	Sunday	12:30 p.m.	OSP PC – General Business Meeting
19	Wednesday	TBA	OSP PC – Officers Meeting
27	Thursday	All Day!	Happy Thanksgiving
28	Friday	7-9 p.m.	Festival of Lights Parade - Howell

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