



KNIGHTS NEWS



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MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT



Brother Knights,

I have two unrelated topics this month.

Pro-life

There are many causes that the Knights of Columbus promote. One that I feel very strongly about is the Pro-Life movement. Ever since my mom took me to a March for Life in the mid-70s, I have been involved off and on (more off than I would like to admit). I plan to go to the march this year again, as it is a beautiful testament to God's work, through us, to protect innocent lives. I anticipate that the Knights will have a strong presence as always, but more can be done. I hope to see you there.

At 8:00 am on the third Sunday of every month, members of our council pray in front of Planned Parenthood on Eugie, just east of 59th Avenue. There are usually 4-5 people in the group. If everyone in our council joined in the prayer one month a year, there would be 15-20 people praying there every month. If you can't make it, pray for an end to abortion at home.

If you happen to be pro-choice for whatever reason, please prayerfully read up on the Catholic Church's teachings on abortion. There is a lot of noise out there concerning this issue, but when you get down to the facts, there is no good argument. Last month, we passed out a "Why We Are Pro-Life" booklet to parishioners. If you have one, please read it. Better yet, take it to the Adoration Chapel and read it there. If you do not have a copy, let me know and I will get you one. One tactic of the pro-abortion argument is that we should not push our religion on them, but this book makes a strong, non-religious argument that life is one of the most basic rights that we have as humans.

Officers

It may seem too early to talk about next year's officers, but I have a feeling that time will fly by. Please prayerfully consider becoming an officer. We especially are looking for a Deputy Grand Knight and Financial Secretary but would like to see new people stepping into other positions. There will be more information in the next couple of months.

Vivat Jesus
Mike Buckley
Grand Knight, St. Helen Council 11738





CELEBRATIONS



KNIGHT BIRTHDAYS

March

Ronald Capek 3/5
 Edward Horger 3/6
 Gregory Dolan 3/11
 Shane Everitt 3/16
 Michael Garrison 3/17
 Patrick Naughton 3/19
 Paul McClellan 3/2
 James Kearney 3/27
 Steven Kollerbohm 3/27
 Thomas Sayers 3/27
 Salvatore Elia 3/28
 Joseph Tastet Sr. 3/31

April

Michael Zaremski 4/1
 William Fish 4/6
 Michael Learned 4/8
 Clinton Williams 4/8
 John Sirochman 4/9
 Anthony Cinquini 4/11
 Curtis Gentry 4/12
 Stanley Klimek 4/13
 Raymond Davis 4/17
 David Dupuis 4/17
 Miguel Cintron 4/19
 Arthur Werley 4/21
 Anthony Nguyen 4/22
 Michael Rains 4/25
 Frank Gallo 4/27
 Randall Hughes 4/28
 Edward Shimon 4/30



WIFE BIRTHDAYS

March

Becky Favot 3/3
 Ann Hughes 3/10
 Joan Ruf 3/11
 Josefina Elia 3/12
 Barbara Boullosa 3/23
 Lydia Gaza 3/27
 Ellen Wiebelhause 3/28

April

Marianne Klink 4/4
 Judy Kramer 4/6
 Denise Sanchez 4/11
 June Klimek 4/17
 Melinda Lindell 4/23
 Joan Maceyko 4/24

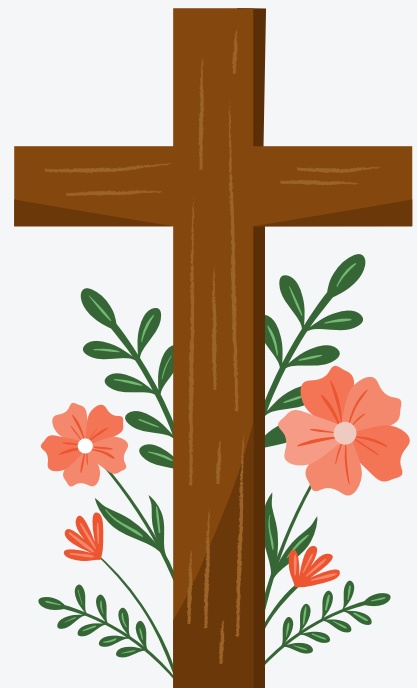
ANNIVERSARIES

March

Roberto & Marcela Stewart 3/21
 Chris & Carmina Burgess 3/23
 Fred & Denise Sanchez 3/26
 Stanley & Sheila Gwizdak 3/27

April

Rodolfo & Cindy Castillo 4/2
 Ernest & Joan Wayne 4/2
 Steven & Regina Ramirez 4/18
 Coy & Amy Boggler 4/22
 George & Cecelia Dusold 4/27
 Gregory & Ana Maria Padilla 4/29





CALENDAR



March

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Stations of the Cross 3:00 pm Bingo Team 1 4:00 pm	2 Rats
3 Altar Servers Gorny, Najdek 10:45 am	4	5	6 Leaders Meeting 7:00 pm	7	8 Bingo Team 2 4:00 pm Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm	9 Altar Servers Hughes, Najdek 4:15 pm
10 Altar Servers Buckley, Taylor 10:45 am Spiritual Reflection Men's Conference 2:00 pm	11	12	13	14 Council Meeting 7:00 pm	15 Bingo Team 3 4:00 pm Soup Supper 4:30 pm Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm	16 Altar Servers 4:15 pm Box Rats 8:30 pm
17 St. Patrick's Day Altar Servers 10:45 am Rosary for USA 12:15 pm	18	19 Consecration to St. Joseph Mass 5:30 pm Assembly St. Joseph table after Mass 6:30 pm	20	21 Assembly Officers' Meeting 6:30 pm Assembly Meeting 7:00 pm	22 Bingo Team 4 4:00 pm Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm	23 Easter Egg Stuffing 10:00 am State Free Throw Championship 1:00 pm Altar Servers 4:15 pm
24 Palm Sunday Altar Servers 10:45 am	25 Chrism Mass 7:00 pm	26	27	28 Holy Thursday	29 Good Friday K of C Founder's Day Stations of the Cross 3:00 pm	30 Holy Saturday Easter Egg Hunt 10:00 am Easter Vigil 7:30 pm
31 Easter						



CALENDAR

April

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3 Leaders Meeting 7:00 pm	4	5 Bingo Team 1 4:00 pm	6 Altar Servers 4:15 pm Burrito Sales after Evening Mass 4:30 pm
7 Burrito Sales after Morning Masses 7:30 am	8	9		11 Council Meeting 7:00 pm	12 Bingo Team 2 4:00 pm	13 Altar Servers 4:15 pm
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28 Rosary for USA after 11:00 Mass 12:00 pm	29	30				



ARTICLES



Retention Letter

Vince LaBrozzi
Retention Chairman

The parable of the seeds and the 4 soils.

In both Luke 8, and Matthew 13, Jesus tells "The Parable of the Sower." In the passage, Jesus describes planting seeds into four types of soil; the hard path, rocky, thorny, and good soil. Other than the hard path, every type of soil was capable of producing a plant to some extent. Only the good soil produced a harvestable fruit. Recognizing that the seeds in this parable as the teachings of Jesus, and the soils as those individuals who he was trying to relate his message too, we might question ourselves as to what type of "soil" we are.

This particular parable fits into our lives in many circumstances that we may not readily want to accept. As an example, being a member of the Knights of Columbus, we may often feel overwhelmed with requests or opportunities (the seeds?) and then sit back and make a choice as to what action we are going to take (the soil). How productive are we going to be as a Knight?

Could this be the watershed moment of an event that initiates a turning point in our support at the council level? There certainly are plenty of instances where all of us have had to look at those opportunities and wonder if we "fit in." Becoming a Knight and/or renewing our membership as a Knight assures us that we do "fit in." None of us have the time available to participate in all the projects our council conducts. Many members are actively involved in other church ministries that are accommodating to their lives based on the ages of their children. There are work schedules, personal care needs of family members, etcetera, that dictate how much discretionary time we can allot to support other activities. Difficulties arise, no one can hold us accountable at any time when personal conflicts become a priority in our lives. After managing those personal needs, we are hopeful to have your continued membership and support in our council when time permits. Membership and participation are key to our success, and we look forward to everyone renewing their membership with us.

Spiritual Reflection

Mike Buckley
Grand Knight

Brother Knights,
We invite you to this spiritual reflection for men lead by Deacon Stan of St. Helen Parish. The information is below:

Spiritual Reflection Council 11738
Men's Conference

Where: St. Helen Parish in the Social Center

When: March 10th at 2:00 pm

Presenter: Deacon Stan Gwizdak

Subject: Reflection on the Healing of the Blind Man





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Box Rats

Bill Klink
Box Rats

We are returning to our roots as true food box builders when we toiled Saturdays at St. Mary’s Food Bank!

We have been asked by St. Matthew Conference President Luis Garcia and the SVdP Food Reclamation Center to assist in an ongoing project each 3rd Saturday.

There is a real need to build single person food boxes for all 80 of SVdP’s Conferences of Charity. This is very similar to what we did at St. Mary’s Food Bank when Dick Boulosa headed the original Box Rats. We will work from 8:30 AM (note later time—extra sleep) to 11:00AM each 3rd Saturday morning. As many of you know, our work load at St. Matthews has frequently been very light!

This will be a fast-paced, all-at-one location, activity with non stop fun service work (with coffee brakes of course). We need a crew of 10 for each Saturday.

We’ll rally at the Food Reclamation Center of SVdP at 420 West Watkins (on access road of I-17, 7th Ave. exit, just past Durango Curve). I’ll be providing exact directions (EZ)

closer to March 16th, our first new Box Rats day.

This is a trial event—we will evaluate by email how the Box Rats like it in the week following.

Hope more Knights and families can join us each 3rd Saturday at the Dan O’Meara campus of SVdP.

Next Box Rat Saturdays:

Where: 420 W. Watkins

When: March 16th and April 20th

Bingo Snack Bar

Don Gorny
PGK

St Helen’s Friday Night Bingo is a substantial source of income for St. Helen Parish. St. Helen Knights of Columbus Council supports the bingo program by not only working on the floor, but also by manning the snack bar.

The schedule is currently being revised and we need more volunteers. We now have four teams which means you will only need to work every fourth Friday. With more volunteers the number of teams could be expanded to five or six as we had years ago.

Bingo opens at 5:00 pm but there is also a need for people who can arrive early (4:00–4:30 pm) to open, prepare the coffee, iced tea, hot dogs, popcorn, pretzels, nachos, etc. If you and/or your spouse can assist in any way, please contact either me or any of the captains listed below:

- Don Gorny at (602)-432-4630 or djgorny@cox.net*
- James Rubio at (623)-979-3959 or Enrique.rubio@yahoo.com*
- Vince Labrozzi at (602)-615-2609 or labrozzi@cox.net*
- Len Rheume at (602)-738-5607 or lrheume@msn.com*

We would like to thank all those who have helped in the past and look forward to seeing some new faces.





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Faith Activities

Armand Brooks
Faith Director
FDD, PGK

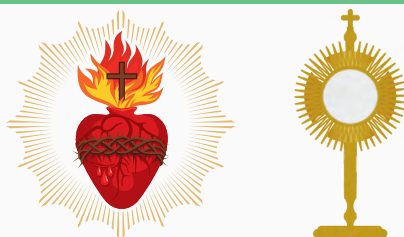
Adoration/Benediction

At present, 'Knight's Hour' is on Fridays from 3 to 4 pm and we meet that challenge with two scheduled brothers. A reminder text message is sent out and requires a confirmation reply so we know the Lord Jesus will not be left unattended. Again, a reminder to sign the logbook with your name indicating 1 HR (KofC).

Benediction is 5:30 pm on Fridays and should remain so through LENT, Consult the bulletin for changes. It is another opportunity for you to get closer to Christ Jesus. The Divine Mercy Chaplet, Rosary and Liturgy of the Hours are prayed in Adoration and closes with Benediction. An extremely rewarding experience.

The Blessed Michael McGivney Family Prayer Program

Each week a brother Knight hosts the Blessed McGivney Icon with his family to pray for his canonization with daily intentions. It is easy to pray and extremely rewarding to families that host the ICON. Please sign up at your next meeting.



Spiritual Reflection (Men's Conference)

The Phoenix Men's Conference has been put on hold for the present, leaving us high and dry. We have decided to move on with our own conference. The Council 11738 Spiritual Reflection will be delivered by Deacon Stan Gwizdak, a fellow brother of our council and an inspirational homilist. The session will be on Sunday, March 10th, at 2 pm and should run for an hour plus time for questions. Sign-ups will be solicited through February.

Consecration to St. Joseph

Our Parish is conducting a 33-day consecration to St Joseph from Friday, February 16th to March 19th. On March 19th, the Feast of St. Joseph, there will be a 5:30 pm mass at which we will recite the consecration to St Joseph. Our council will provide the Pilgrim Icon (St. Joseph with the child Jesus in his arms). St. Joseph Assembly 2126 will host a small St Joseph Table in the courtyard afterward. Medals and prayer cards will be distributed by Worklight ministry.

St. Helen's COR Men's Group

Come join your brother Knights and fellow parishioners in a spiritual journey to develop a relationship with Jesus Christ. This pilgrimage of Faith, Fraternity, and Formation exercises all forms of prayer. Men who are not threatened in their masculinity form a brotherhood in prayer to become better Catholics, better spouses, and better fathers. We start at 7 pm in the Adoration Chapel in direct communication with Jesus Christ, listening, reflecting, and praying. Join us on the third Wednesday of the month at 7 pm for 1-1.5 hours of prayer, fraternity, and formation. Contact (623) 225-5102 for more information.





ST. HELEN CHURCH

MARCH/APRIL 2024

LADIES OF THE MYSTICAL ROSE NEWSLETTER

This Lent, do your best to root out sin and cultivate holiness. Let your failures be a lesson in humility that drives you back to the grace of God flowing from the pierced heart of Jesus—for that is the true heart of Lent.

What a whirlwind 2024 has been thus far.

It seems like since my term as President, with the help of so many awesome ladies, we have run nonstop. It's hard to believe we are already in Lent, the holiest and most solemn time of the year.



We are deeply saddened by the passing of one for our members **Charlotte Pulham**, on **January 31, 2024**. Her funeral Mass and Rosary were held here

at **St. Helen's** on **February 21**. We will definitely miss her. A lot of you might remember **Charlotte**, as she was one of the ladies making the monthly meeting reminder calls. May God bless her, and may she rest in Our Lords eternal peace.

We have done so much since January. Here are just a few to mention:

We were the **Ministry of the Month** during **February**, and we were asked to speak at all the masses on the weekend of **January 17 & 18**. I spoke at two of the Masses, and **Kristene Mailloux & Ellie Hulme** graciously offered to each speak at one. Of course, we told the parish about all the wonderful things our ministry does here at **St. Helen** and our community.

We especially want to welcome one of our newest members, **Erica Castillo**,

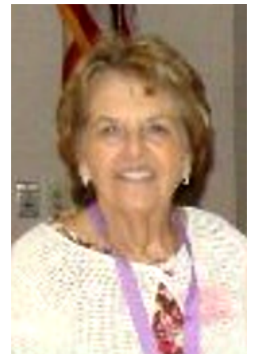
who signed up after one of the Masses. We are so excited to have her. There were several more that seemed quite interested, which is an exciting thing.

This year, 13 of our members attended the **Phoenix Catholic Women's Conference** held at **Xavier High School**. It was a great day to unwind and listen to some awesome women speakers. During lunch, it was marvelous to break bread with our friends at other parishes, and see some ladies we don't get a chance to connect with all year. If you have never attended, you might consider going next year.

This year's **Quilt Raffle** was a huge success, netting over \$1,000. I especially want to thank our committee chairpersons, **Ellie Hulme** and **Pat Dzubay**, who did a phenomenal job getting out there for 3 weekends in a row. I would also like to recognize **Gloria Gray** and **Doris Modic**, as well as many other members who were there offering their assistance. We might have to adopt **Mike Modic** as an honorary member of the Ladies, he was right there setting up and taking our display down every weekend. Thanks **Mike** for all your help.

We had some special guests at our February meeting. **Deepa Duran**, **Becky Favot** and 6 students from the

FROM OUR PRESIDENT



St. Helen's Youth/Young Adults Faith Formation showed us a short video highlighting youth summer camp, and then each student told of his or her experience. We donated \$1,200 to help support their program.

Although our calendar year ends June 30th, we still have lots of fun stuff in store for the next few months. If you're not a member yet, reach out to one of our officers or any member and see about joining us, we have a great time and do so much good for our church and our community.

Highlights for the next few months are:

The **Easter Egg Hunt**, **May Crowning**, our annual **Pro-Life Baby Shower**, **St. Matthews 8th Grade Graduation**, and to wind down the year our famous annual **Used Book Sale**. Come and be part of the fun.

One of the greatest blessings of belonging to the **Ladies of the Mystical Rose** is the fellowship and prayer power of our membership, as we continue to pray for one another.



And finally, to all of you and your families, I pray that you have a very solemn and reflective **Lent** and, a blessed and joyous **Easter**.

God Bless,

Joanne Brooks
LMR President

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Gloria Gray worked with the office to get us the Mary's Way of the Cross reading for the **February 23rd Stations of the Cross**. What an honor it was. If you have not witnessed or read this one, it is a very emotional and beautiful reflection.



SOUP SUPPER

Our **Ash Wednesday Soup Supper** was chaired by **Nancy Gorny**, and as usual, the Ladies did not disappoint. We had over 16 crockpots full of soup.

REMINDER: LMR FUNDRAISER

Don't forget our monthly **Manuel's Fundraiser** is on the **2nd Monday** of every month.

Did you know...they let us eat in their banquet room, so we get to break bread, chat & have fun with members of our St. Helen community, plus the food is great. You can also, pick it up to go.



Flyers are required, and can be found in the church vestibule. See the bulletin for more details. Chair:

LaDina Arenivaz

2023-24 SPECIAL EVENTS

MARCH 30, 2024 Easter Egg Hunt

MAY 4, 2024 May Crowning

MAY 9, 2024 Pro-Life Baby Shower

JUNE 1/2, 2024 Used Book Sale

2ND THURSDAY GENERAL MEETING

ROSARY AT 6:30 PM
MEETING AT 7:00 PM

MARCH 14, 2024

APRIL 11, 2024

MAY 9, 2024

JUNE 13, 2024



OUR MISSION: The purpose of The Ladies of the Mystical Rose is the social, religious, and spiritual betterment of our members through fellowship, works of charity, and support of the men of Council #11738, Knights of Columbus. If you are interested in joining, please contact Joanne Brooks at (623) 332-3690. Meetings are at 7pm on the 2nd Thursday of each month in the Social Center from September until June.

BOARD OF OFFICERS: Joanne Brooks, President; Anita Oas, Vice-President; Doris Modic, Treasurer; Anne Garrison, Secretary; Millie Pipola and Roxane Tompkins, Sergeant at Arms.

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