



## ***The Knight Light*** -Knights of Columbus

Official Newsletter of Father  
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*Officers Meeting ~ 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each Month*

**Grand Knight's Message:**

On Friday, April 20th we will have our last fundraiser of this Fraternal Year, a Casino Night. Our fundraising efforts have allowed our council this year to financially support 7 seminarians (Deacon David Hust, Trey Crespo, Michael Drab, Jose Alonzo, Ryan Lambert, Kingsley Nwoko & Chris Wuenscher). Additionally, our past fundraising has allowed us to make large donations to the St Helen Capital Campaign as well as the new Priest Retirement facility. These are the results of your donations of both time and or treasure. While there are other recipients of your efforts, it is the continued & growing support for those called to the priesthood and church needs that has earned the Knights the title as the "right arm of the church".

Well done, Brother Knights!

There will be a flyer with more info on our Casino Night in this newsletter.

Viva Cristo Rey!  
SK Charles G Boutte'

**Deadline** for articles is **8pm on first Tuesday at the Officers Meetings.**  
Articles may be emailed to [kofc8960@gmail.com](mailto:kofc8960@gmail.com)

**From the Desk of our Chaplain Father Jim:**

My Brother Knights,

I would first like to thank all who helped participate in the Dedication ceremony we had on March 11, 2018 with our Cardinal. It was a beautiful day and a wonderful celebration and having our fourth degree in their full regalia added to the beauty of the ceremony. Just a reminder that as we continue in the season of Lent that our Fish Fry team continues to work hard and we appreciate them....the fish is delicious!

A reminder also that the Knights are helping with the Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup>.....hopefully we will have a good turnout. Please remember that we are approaching Holy Week and the schedule for Holy Week is in the Bulletin. We are fast approaching the Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord, let us remember that this is the Holy Season where we can truly celebrate the life, death and resurrection of our Lord and the promise He gave us for eternal life.

A reminder also to pray for our brother Trey Crespo who will be ordained a deacon in May of this year and ordained a priest in February of next year....here at Saint Helen. Please keep in your prayers all of our seminarians as they quickly approach the end of this school year.

God Bless and Peace to my brothers...

Fr. Jim

## Strengthen Our Families

Tony Slagle, Texas State Council Historian

Father McGivney believed that the family was the strong pillar of society and its preservation was vital to the future of the nation and the Church. Parish Priest by Douglas Brinkley and Julie Fenster, explains that Father McGivney was “fascinated by the power derived [by the family] — not through need, but on the contrary, through being needed.

The parents for each other and for the children, the children for one another and for the parents, too: obligations fulfilled. Therein lay the potential in aspects practical and spiritual.” This belief fueled Father McGivney’s desire to safeguard the families of his parish against the dangers to family life present at the turn of the last century.

A selfless act by Father McGivney illustrates how he put this desire into practice in a very real way. The same year the Knights of Columbus were founded a parishioner of Father McGivney died, leaving behind a wife, children and little money for the family to live on. In those situations, the city of New Haven had the right to assign the children to public institutions, unless guardians for the children could be found. When no guardian was found for the eldest son, Father McGivney was determined not to let the family be separated. He went to the probate court and publicly pledged guardianship of the teen, who was then able to remain with his mother and family.

Situations such as the one above led Father McGivney to found the Knights of Columbus. As the story illustrates, the unfortunate fact of life for many families at the time of our Order’s founding was when the breadwinner of the family died, he often died young, leaving behind a wife and children. The pressures involved in keeping a family together for a Catholic widow were often compounded by 19th century anti-Catholic, and anti-immigrant sentiments. This, coupled with the limited options available to a woman, let alone a widow, more often than not resulted in the family being torn apart. Children were taken away from mothers and sent to live with a “good” family, which typically meant a Protestant one in the eyes of those who made such decisions. The Order’s insurance program provided a means by which brother Knights could take a role in the protection of the life of a Catholic family. By providing for the bereaved wives and children of brother Knights, the insurance program allowed families to stay together in their greatest hour of need.

This devotion to the family is a vital part of Father McGivney’s legacy and essential to the continued mission of the Knights of Columbus. While the dangers to family life described above are not as pressing as they once were, new threats to the family have emerged as the beliefs of secular Western society permeate popular culture and politics to challenge the notion of the traditional family at every level. In the wake of these new challenges, the Order has maintained an adamant pro-family stance, with the focus on the importance of the traditional family, one where a husband and a wife are its foundation. Pope Francis emphasizes the importance of the traditional family in his first encyclical, *Lumen Fidei* (or Light of Faith). He states, “The first setting in which faith enlightens the human city is the family. I think first and foremost of the stable union of man and woman in marriage. This union is born of their love, as a sign and presence of God’s own love...whereby spouses can become one flesh and are enabled to give birth to a new life, a manifestation of the Creator’s goodness, wisdom and loving plan.”

The Knights have embodied this belief in many ways and the Order has been on the front lines defending the traditional family wherever and whenever it is under attack. As Knights, we fully embrace Father McGivney’s belief that family is the bedrock of our society and its protection is of the utmost importance to our future. Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori eloquently explains:

The family is the glue that holds our culture and our society together. It’s where patriots, public servants, social workers, teachers, scientists, skilled workers and ethical businesspersons come from. It’s where future priests, sisters and spouses are first formed. It’s where young people first acquire the knowledge and skill needed for a happy and productive life. It’s also where young people learn how to handle disagreements, disappointment and even tragedy. It is the first and indispensable school of love, and when a majority of its citizens are deprived of it, society itself becomes chaotic and angry. The more good families a society has, the better suited it will be to help all its citizens attain their potential. This is how a civilization of truth and love is created: one family at a time.

Father McGivney also understood that formation of strong Catholic families starts with dedication to the ideal of Christian manhood. As members of the Knights of Columbus, we have a duty to help our fellow brothers be better husbands and fathers. By doing so, we strengthen our families as a whole. Local councils foster this through sponsoring activities that allow families to spend time together in volunteer activities, faith initiatives and social events. On the national level, the Order’s Building the Domestic Church While Strengthening our Parish initiative supports families in their Christian vocation through the “Family Fully Alive” program. This program is designed to help families place God and their Catholic faith at the center of family life. The program provides an opportunity for families to grow in holiness together through monthly themes, reflections, meditations, family projects and Scripture verses.

Father McGivney is called the “Protector of Christian Family Life” for good reason. He understood that strong families are the foundation of parish, of Church and of society and the Order he founded empowers its members to put that belief into action. Through the Knights of Columbus, let us strive to live by his example and continue his mission. Let us all pledge to be faithful protectors of Christian family life.

## **Knights of Columbus Online Recruiting Site for Texas**

The world's largest Catholic family fraternal organization has begun a new initiative to recruit Catholic men to join its ranks using a new online site at <http://www.knights.net> to reach more prospects. Combined with a new social media based outreach, the site focuses on four of the essential concerns of today's Catholic men.

Leading with Faith - highlights the resources available to members to encourage their spiritual development.  
Protecting your Family - offers options for considering long-term financial planning and critical protections for our loved ones.

Serving Others - shows how members today make a real and lasting impact through our charitable service to address many of our communities in need.

Defending your Values – demonstrates the power of our voices united to stand up for faith-based principles that are under challenge in our society and culture.

“This does not replace the personal invitation that members currently use to expand our Order's impact,” says Douglas Oldmixon, State Deputy for the Knights in Texas. “It allows us to reach men we've not yet invited or who are in areas where we don't yet have a strong presence.”

To learn more about the Knights of Columbus, go online to <http://www.knights.net> or [www.tkofc.org](http://www.tkofc.org) to see how we make a difference in our Church and communities today.

## **Knights of Columbus 114<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention**

Mark your calendars for the 114<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention in Houston. The Convention will be held on April 27<sup>th</sup>. Check the Texas State Council website at <http://www.tkofc.org/> for details about the event if you plan to attend.

## Knights of Columbus 8960 Scholarship

College Scholarship Opportunity:

The Knights of Columbus Council #8960 is offering college scholarships this year from a pool of \$5000. The council's scholarship committee will review all applications, conduct interviews, and host the written essay submitted with the scholarship application. The committee will determine how many scholarships to award and the amount of each award based on the number of qualified applicants. The minimum award will be \$500. Chris Lessmann will have applications at the next council meeting or you may contact him at [chris.lessmann@yahoo.com](mailto:chris.lessmann@yahoo.com). Applications are due March 28, 2018.

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Must be a child or grandchild of a Brother Knight of Council #8960 in good standing (i.e. current on membership dues or dues exempt).
2. Must be a practicing Catholic who has received the sacrament of Confirmation.
3. Must be graduating from high school in Spring 2018 (or earlier).
4. Must be graduating with a grade point average of 2.5/4.0 or above.
5. Must be attending a college or university as a full-time freshman in the fall of 2018. Those selected for scholarships will need to show proof of enrollment prior to receiving payment.

## Council 8960 Stations of the Cross

On March 16<sup>th</sup>, council 8960 will be hosting the stations of the cross for St Helens Church. Join us for the 7 pm event as we journey together as brothers down the path our Lord took leading up to his Crucifixion. It's a powerful testimony and reminder of the sacrifice our Lord made for each of us. Let's show a big support for this amazing event by filling the church with Brother Knights.

## Archdiocesan Young Adult Day of Service

Come be the "hands and feet of Christ" with hundreds of young adults ages 18-39 at the Archdiocesan Young Adult Day of service, prayer and fellowship on Saturday, March 17, 2018. Teams will help serve those in need like Harvey victims, the sick, the poor, the hungry, homeless, prisoners and immigrants. The day begins with 8:30 a.m. Mass celebrated by Bishop Sheltz, followed by breakfast **then head out to serve in teams all over the city**. Online registration required. Participants can choose from a list of available service projects.

Cost: \$10 includes t-shirt/breakfast if registered by the deadline March 5, 2018.

This registration is for Credit Card only, if you would like to pay in cash or by check please contact YACM Office at 713-741-8778.

### **St. Dominic Chancery**

2403 Holcombe Blvd.  
Houston, 77021

**Start Date:** Saturday, March 17, 2018 8:30:53 AM

**End Date:** Saturday, March 17, 2018 3:00:53 PM

Learn more at the archdiocesan website: [www.archgh.org/news-events/calendar](http://www.archgh.org/news-events/calendar)

## **Holy Week Schedule**

Holy week is approaching in a few weeks and there are several masses that are happening at St Helens Here is a list of those events:

Palm Sunday:

Regular Mass schedule

Holy Thursday: Evening of the Lord's Supper

7 PM Mass followed by Adoration until 12 AM

Good Friday:

9 AM Sung Morning Prayer in the Chapel

Noon Live Stations of the Cross followed by Lenten soups (Helena Hall)

3 PM Passion/Veneration of the Cross

7 PM Passion/Veneration of the Cross

Holy Saturday:

Sunset: Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday:

Regular Masses except there will be NO 5PM MASS

## **Live Broadcast of the Holy Week Masses from the Vatican**

The Vatican will be broadcasting live the Holy Week Masses on YouTube for the world to watch on their English language YouTube channel. Just search for "The Vatican English" on YouTube or go directly there at this link <https://www.youtube.com/user/vatican/featured> The schedules are only out for Palm Sunday right now but the rest of the week will come out shortly. The Palm Sunday mass will be streamed live on this channel at 3 AM on Palm Sunday local time. That may be a little early for most of us, but the Masses will be stored as videos on this channel so you can watch them later in the day if you don't want to wake up that early.

## **2018 Communion and Liberation Way of the Cross Houston**

Spend the morning of Good Friday in a reflective procession from the University of St Thomas to the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart. The Way of the Cross, hosted by UST and Communion and Liberation, will begin at 10:15 am on March 30<sup>th</sup> in front of the Chapel of St Basil, 1018 W Alabama St, Houston. Last year, more than 300 people in Houston carried the cross for the 2.2 mile procession, which includes five stations, a Gospel reading, reflections and choral presentations. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact 713-203-4566 or email [cltexas@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cltexas@sbcglobal.net)

## **Chrism Mass at the Co-cathedral**

Brothers,

This year's Chrism mass will March 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart. For those of you who have never attended a Chrism mass, it is one of the most moving masses of the entire year. Cardinal Dinardo, along with every single priest, deacon, and seminarian in the diocese and many of the diocese's religious sisters and brothers will attend this mass to renew their dedication and vows. It is an incredible sight to see every priest in the diocese along with Cardinal Dinardo consecrating the Eucharist in unison. This mass is also the mass where the holy oils used in our Church for baptism, confirmation, and anointing of the sick will be blessed by the Cardinal. If you have never experienced this mass before, please try to make it to be a part of this wonderful celebration. However, because of the large attendance at this mass you should be there at least 1 hour before the mass begins in order to get a parking spot and a seat. It will be standing room only very quickly so come early.

## Website

Our council website at [kofc8960.com](http://kofc8960.com) is going strong. If you haven't visited it before, please do so to find a wealth of info about our council including every event that is taking place over the next few months on our event calendar or to read any newsletter including the current one in our newsletter section.

There is also a member's only section that you can log into if you are a current member of the council in good standing. Simply use your membership number from your membership card and your birthdate to enter this section. This section has several important areas of interest:

### Updating Information

The member's list gives the roster of all the members of our council. If you ever change your email address or phone number (or know someone who needs their information changed), simply go into this list and find your name to update your information. You can post a picture of yourself also so the council knows what you look like. You can also directly email any other member of the council from this page if you don't currently have their email address.

Of course you can always email me directly at [kofc8960@gmail.com](mailto:kofc8960@gmail.com) when you have changes to your information and I'll make sure they get added.

### Recording Volunteer Hours

Have trouble keeping track of your volunteer hours for the year. The member's only section has a great place for entering those in. It breaks the hours up for you into several categories. Even if you do keep good track of these hours on your own, please enter your hours here as you make them. The website keeps totals for our Grand Knight and Financial Secretary to know where we are, so it will be a huge help for the officers for you to take the time to enter those hours here.

### Officers

If you are a current officer, there are a couple of forms to view the volunteer information of our council including form 1728. The lists give a per-member and council total breakdown of all volunteer hours in a nice easy to use format.

### Easy Mobile Access

Through our partnership with UKnight Interactive, we also have a mobile version of the website. Check it out at [kofcmobile.org](http://kofcmobile.org) This new mobile version makes entering volunteer hours a breeze. You can also see events at our council, neighboring councils, assemblies, and chapters, find major degrees in our area and much more.

### Prayer Requests

Have a request for prayer for you or a loved one? The Prayer Request section of the website lets you submit them for the council to see. Check this section often to find out about the prayer needs of our council and parish.

### News, Pictures, Comments

Please let me know if you have any comments or suggestions about the website or newsletter by emailing me directly at [kofc8960@gmail.com](mailto:kofc8960@gmail.com)

If you have any news or comments to be featured in the newsletter or on the website, send it to me at [kofc8960@gmail.com](mailto:kofc8960@gmail.com) by the first Saturday of the month and I'll make sure it gets in.

Dustin Meyer  
Council 8960 Webmaster

### **Harvey Relief from St Vincent De Paul**

There are still programs available thru SVDP for Harvey Relief. The House in a Box program is a joint coalition with Gallery Furniture that provides pieces or whole house furniture. Bed Bath and Beyond can provide a \$300 gift card and there is a Harvey Homes program. If anyone is aware of a community member (doesn't have to be a St Helen member or a Brother Knight) that is still feeling the effect of Harvey please have them contact our SVDP Pantry. There are procedural and documentation requirements of which one is a home visit. Our volunteers go into the homes, determine the needs and guide the client thru the process. To date they have conducted 31 home visits and about half have received some type of assistance. The pantry also provides food and financial assistance from our funds. The pantry hours are Monday/Thursday 2-4, Tuesday 6-8 and Wednesday 5-7. The pantry can be reached at 281-485-2976.

**Please also consider a donation to St Vincent De Paul during your next visit to Mass at St Helen's. The need after Harvey is still ongoing and any financial support will help. You can write a check to The St Vincent De Paul Society and place it in the collection basket during any Mass. The Church office will see that St Vincent gets the funds. Or just stop by the pantry during our office hours.**

### **Stations of the Cross and Fish Fry**

Every Friday during Lent, St Helens will be performing a Stations of the Cross at 4:45 PM and at 7 PM. The 4:45 event is led by the children of our parish and the 7 PM is the adult stations. Try to make one of these very moving displays of our faith this Lenten season.

Then from 5:30 to 7:30 the Knights will be cooking a fish fry for all to enjoy. It will be \$10 for adults and take-out, \$8 for seniors, and \$7 for kids. The Catholic Daughters will also be there selling deserts. Proceeds go to supporting our council and the charities we support.

Make your Fridays this Lent days of prayer, fellowship, and charity as we celebrate the Lord together.

### **Financial Awareness Seminar**

"There will be NO financial/retirement awareness get together this month due to a schedule conflict. We will resume next month (April). Next month's topics will be "everything" about retirement; from 401k's, 403b's, IRA's, annuities, reverse mortgage, insurance products, RMD's and more. But most of all we will discuss the eight (8) important birthdays/deadlines to consider after the age of 50. Hope you will plan to attend, the date is April 18 (Wednesday)."

### **Squire's Corner**

The Squires are busy this month. February our circle gained two new members Maverick Garner and Carlos Arriola. Fish fries are keeping us busy. Friday March 16<sup>th</sup>, the squires are helping the Knights with the Stations of the Cross at St. Helens.

We wish everyone a very Blessed Easter Season.  
Al Stryk

### **Rosary at Planned Parenthood**

St Helen's will be gathering to pray a rosary for the unborn in front of Planned Parenthood on the Gulf Freeway March 20<sup>th</sup> at 10am. Please come out and support this effort.



## **Together in Holiness Marriage Encounter**

Together in Holiness is a marriage conference series for dioceses inspiring spouses to grow together in holiness and empowering parents to form their children in the Catholic faith. It's a great event for any married or engaged couple but especially designed with younger couples in mind. Together in Holiness is offered by the St. John Paul II Foundation and Archdiocesan Office of Family Life Ministry.

Powerful presentations from national and local speakers

Quiet time together, Mass, Reconciliation, Eucharistic Adoration

Practical ideas and insights for spouses and parents

The event will take place in two locations:

St. Laurence - Ave Maria Parish Life Center – May 5th  
3103 Sweetwater Blvd  
Sugar Land, TX 77479

St. Anthony of Padua – May 5th  
7801 Bay Branch Dr  
The Woodlands, TX 77382

To register and for more information, visit [togetherinholiness.org](http://togetherinholiness.org).

## **The Road Less Traveled Discernment Meeting**

A monthly discernment gathering at St. Mary's Seminary for single young adult men ages 18 and older. Meets second Thursday of the month from September to May. Join priests and seminarians for fellowship, prayer, music, dinner and talks about the discernment for priesthood and religious life. 9845 Memorial Dr, Houston, TX 77024. Registration, video and information: [www.houstonvocations.com/discover](http://www.houstonvocations.com/discover) Reunión mensual de discernimiento vocacional para varones solteros de 18 años en adelante que prefieren la sesión en inglés.

### **St. Mary's Seminary**

9845 Memorial Drive  
Houston, 77024

**Start Date:** Thursday, April 12, 2018 6:30:29 PM

**End Date:** Thursday, April 12, 2018 9:30:29 PM

**Start Date:** Thursday, May 10, 2018 6:30:55 PM

**End Date:** Thursday, May 10, 2018 6:30:55 PM

## **Catholic Family Night at the Astros**

Friday, April 27th – 7:10 PM  
Astros vs. Athletics

To purchase your ticket click or go the link below *\*Tickets will be on sale in March\** <https://groupmatics.events/s/other/Catholicfamily6>

\*For groups of 20 or more, contact Hannah Walker at 713-259-8857 or email [hwalker@astros.com](mailto:hwalker@astros.com) Questions? Call Hannah Walker at 713-259-8857 or email [hwalker@astros.com](mailto:hwalker@astros.com)

A portion of the proceeds benefits: Catholic Schools of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

## **Converging Roads Conference**

*Converging Roads* is a regional conference series offering continuing education for healthcare professionals that equips them to practice the highest ethical and medical standards of their profession. *Converging Roads* provides health care professionals, chaplains, students, and administrators with the most up-to-date training in health care ethics enabling them to more effectively care for their patients. An initiative of the St. John Paul II Foundation, *Converging Roads* is deeply rooted in the Catholic moral tradition and is presented in multiple local or regional conferences. Healthcare professionals receive continuing medical education credits, insight from national level speakers, and the opportunity for networking with local healthcare professionals.

*Converging Roads*<sup>™</sup> is an initiative of the St. John Paul II Foundation and presented in collaboration with the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, Catholic Healthcare Professionals of Houston, University of St. Thomas, and CHI St. Luke's Health.

To learn more about *Converging Roads* and to register online, go to <http://forlifeandfamily.org/events/cr18-htx/>

### **John Paul II Foundation**

7730 Westview Dr.  
Houston, 77055

**Start Date:** Saturday, April 21, 2018 8:45:40 AM

**End Date:** Saturday, April 21, 2018 6:15:40 PM

## **Don't Mess with Texas Trash Off**

Join Keep Pearland Beautiful for one of its two Annual Litter Clean Up events scheduled for Saturday, April 7 from 7:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. KPB holds two community litter clean up events annually and the spring cleanup is called, "Don't Mess with Texas Trash Off." Although the Adopt-A-Spot volunteers will be out cleaning up their spots, there are plenty of highly littered spots in Pearland where we can use more help to pick up litter. Call the Keep Pearland Beautiful office to find out more 281.652.1659 or email us [fwatson@mykpb.org](mailto:fwatson@mykpb.org).

## **Keep Pearland Beautiful Gardening Lectures**

Keep Pearland Beautiful and the Brazoria County Master Gardeners are proud to be hosting a series of monthly lectures on a variety of gardening and yard care topics.

These classes are held on the second Thursday of every month at the Recreation Center & Natatorium, 4141 Bailey Road, Pearland, Texas 77581.

Doors open at 6 p.m., lecture starts at 7 p.m. Come early and meet our members. Stay after the lecture for a Q & A session.

## **Traffic Advisories on Old Alvin and Orange**

Starting Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup> Old Alvin Road will be closed to southbound traffic. The road will be ONE WAY ONLY.

Starting Monday Marth 19<sup>th</sup>, westbound traffic on E Orange between Galveston and N Houston Ave will be switched to the north side of the road and several intersections will be closed.

For all current city traffic advisories please visit <https://www.pearlandtx.gov/departments/engineering-and-capital-projects/projects-division/traffic-advisories>

## **Increase your weekly devotions with Pope Francis' Wednesday Audiences**

The Vatican YouTube channel will be hosting the Pope's weekly audiences every Wednesday for those who wish to view them. These audiences are the weekly address by the Pope to the world. Each week is dedicated to the Pope's teachings on a specific theological or ecclesiastical topic. Many of these audiences are part of a series. Have you ever heard of the "Theology of the Body?" That incredible theological work from Pope John Paul II was actually a compilation of several Wednesday audiences he did. Each audience will start off in Italian but there will be a translation of the Pope's message after the Italian in several languages including English and Spanish. If you wish to watch these audiences, just search for "The Vatican English" on YouTube or go directly there at this link <https://www.youtube.com/user/vatican/featured> There is a new audience every week as well as important messages from the Vatican if you wish to view them.

## **Pro Life Support**

Brother Knights,

As some of you already know, Council 8960 will be collecting baby items to help support mothers who choose life. We will have a bin available for drop off at each council meeting as well as Wednesday evenings when the halls are shown for rentals. Here is the list of items that was presented by Richard Lang, St Helen's Right 2 Life Coordinator. These will be turned over to the Houston Coalition for Life or the Foundation for Life.

Diaper sizes - newborn to 6 months

Baby toiletries ( baby shampoo, diaper cream, bulb syringe, pacifiers, thermometers)

Onesies', baby towels, wash cloths & wipes.

cribs, car seats & baby clothes.

These items are needed by local Crisis Pregnancy Centers.

The Knights of Columbus are Pro-Life & being Pro-Life is more than praying to end abortion. It also means supporting those that Choose Life.

All supplies can be dropped off at any KC function or Wednesdays from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm

## **Diocesan Radio Programs**

Brothers,

In case you aren't aware, the diocese of Galveston Houston produces several radio programs on our faith and life around the diocese. Here is a list of weekly programming:

INSPIRATIONS (Hosted by Father David J. DuBois)

SUNDAYS: 6:30 a.m. KODA (Sunny 99.1) FM

LIFE TO THE FULL (Hosted by Madeline Johnson)

SUNDAYS: 3:45 p.m. KYOK (1140) AM Conroe 7:15 p.m. KWWJ (1360) AM Baytown

CATHOLIC LIFE IN THE ARCHDIOCESE (Hosted by various archdiocesan personnel)

SUNDAYS: 5:30 a.m. KWWJ (1360) AM Baytown 6:45 a.m. KYOK (1140) AM Conroe

OUR CATHOLIC VOICE (Hosted by Dr. Marcella Colbert, M.D.)

SUNDAYS: 3 p.m. KKHT (100.7) FM

SHOW OF FAITH (Live call-in program hosted by Father Mario Arroyo)

SUNDAYS: 7 to 9 p.m. KNTH (1070) AM

## **Pray As Brothers**

Each month, brother Knights from our council gather on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays to pray together as men of the faith. Please try to make these events.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month is a gathering in the prayer garden to pray a rosary for the lives of the unborn children in our nation. The rosary starts at 7:30 AM in the prayer garden.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month is a gathering at the Knights hall on Hatfield Rd in the small hall to read scripture and pray together. The meeting starts at 7:30 AM.

Come and join your fellow brother Knights at these events.

### **Divine Office Readings**

Deacon Steve will be conducting weekly readings from the Breviary or Divine Office on Monday thru Thursday. Come and join your fellow parishioners in this prayerful dedication to our Lord. It is a great way to strengthen your faith with your community. The Monday and Wednesday prayers will begin at 6:30 PM and the Tuesday and Thursday prayers will begin at 7:30 AM.

### **Youth Ministry Program**

Our Youth Ministry program at St. Helen is in need of volunteers on Wednesday nights from 7:30-8:15 pm to help with parking lot safety and traffic control during dismissal. Our program on Wednesday nights has grown to well over 200 youth in 6th-8th grades, and we need help to get them safely into their parents' vehicles at night. All volunteers must have completed the Virtus Protecting God's Children training course before starting to help. I would appreciate all of your thoughtful consideration in this matter! If you would like to help, please call or email me so that I can know to expect you.

### **Stations of the Cross**

During Lent, we would like to remind all Brother Knights that St Helen's will be doing a Stations of the Cross every Friday at 4:45 pm and 7 pm. Bring your family to these powerful events in remembrance of the sacrifice of our Lord. 4:45 is the children's event and the 7 is the adult's. Afterwards join us at the hall for our Friday fish fries starting at 5:30.

### **Fish Fry Fridays**

Fridays during Lent our council will be hosting our annual Lenten fish fries (except Good Friday). Bring the family out for good food and great company! Food will be served between 5:30 and 7:30 PM. If you would be interested in volunteering, please contact event chairman Andrew Boniface at [281-917-7336](tel:281-917-7336). Come to the Stations of the Cross starting at 4:45 at the church and then join us for these delicious meals.

### **March 16th: Council 8960 Stations of the Cross**

On March 16<sup>th</sup>, council 8960 will be hosting the Stations of the Cross for St Helens Church. Join us for the 7 pm event as we journey together as brothers down the path our Lord took leading up to his Crucifixion. It's a powerful testimony and reminder of the sacrifice our Lord made for each of us. Let's show a big support for this amazing event by filling the church with Brother Knights.

### **March 17th: Missal Reading and Prayer**

Join us for our next Missal Reading and Prayer Service. We will meet in the morning from 7:30 to 8:30 am in the KofC Hall on Hatfield. Please join us for coffee, donuts and good Christian fellowship as we seek the Lord together as brother Knights. If you have any questions, please contact Michael Rodriguez at 713-885-1274.

### **March 17th: Young Adult Day of Service**

Come be the "hands and feet of Christ" with hundreds of young adults ages 18-39 at the Archdiocesan Young Adult Day of service, prayer and fellowship on Saturday, March 17, 2018. Teams will help serve those in need like Harvey victims, the sick, the poor, the hungry, homeless, prisoners and immigrants. The day begins with 8:30 a.m. Mass celebrated by Bishop Sheltz, followed by breakfast **then head out to serve in teams all over the city**. Online registration required. Participants can choose from a list of available service projects.

### **March 20th: General Meeting**

Join us for the monthly General Meeting of our council starting at 7:30 pm. Come early at 7 for a meal provided by the council. Come and learn about all the events and activities our council will be holding over the next month.

### **March 20th: Rosary for the Unborn**

St Helen's will be gathering to pray a rosary for the unborn in front of Planned Parenthood on the Gulf Freeway March 20<sup>th</sup> at 10am. Please come out and support this effort.

### **March 27th: Chrism Mass at the Co-Cathedral**

This year's Chrism mass will March 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart.

### **March 30th: Good Friday Way of the Cross Procession**

Spend the morning of Good Friday in a reflective procession from the University of St Thomas to the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart at 10:15 am on March 30<sup>th</sup> in front of the Chapel of St Basil, 1018 W Alabama St, Houston. The event is free and open to the public.

### **April 1st: Easter Sunday**

Wishing all of you and your family a very happy and holy Easter. Christ is risen!

### **April 7th: Pro Life Rosary**

Come join us for our monthly rosary to pray for an end to abortion. We meet at St Helen's Catholic Church in the prayer garden at 7:30 am. In the event of inclement weather, we will meet in the chapel. If you have any questions, please contact Michael Rodriguez at 713-885-1274.

### **April 7th: Don't Mess With Texas Trash Off**

Join Keep Pearland Beautiful for one of its two Annual Litter Clean Up events scheduled for Saturday, April 7 from 7:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. KPB holds two community litter clean up events annually and the spring cleanup is called, "Don't Mess with Texas Trash Off."

### **April 12th: Road Less Traveled Discernment Meeting**

A monthly discernment gathering at St. Mary's Seminary for single young adult men ages 18 and older. Meets second Thursday of the month from September to May. Join priests and seminarians for fellowship, prayer, music, dinner and talks about the discernment for priesthood and religious life. 9845 Memorial Dr, Houston, TX 77024.

### **April 21st: Converging Roads Conference for Health Care Professionals**

Converging Roads is a regional conference series offering continuing education for healthcare professionals that equips them to practice the highest ethical and medical standards of their profession.

### **April 27th: Knights of Columbus State Convention**

Mark your calendars for the 114<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention in Houston. The Convention will be held on April 27<sup>th</sup>. Check the Texas State Council website at <http://www.tkofc.org/> for details about the event if you plan to attend.

### **April 27th: Family Night at the Astros**

To purchase your ticket click or go the link below \*Tickets will be on sale in March\*  
<https://groupmatics.events/s/other/Catholicfamily6>

### **May 5th: Together in Holiness Marriage Retreat**

Together in Holiness is a marriage conference series for dioceses inspiring spouses to grow together in holiness and empowering parents to form their children in the Catholic faith. It's a great event for any married or engaged couple but especially designed with younger couples in mind. Together in Holiness is offered by the St. John Paul II Foundation and Archdiocesan Office of Family Life Ministry.

### **May 10th: Road Less Traveled Discernment Meeting**

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# CASINO NIGHT

& Silent Auction

Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Social Hour: 6-7 P.M.

Tables Open: 7-10 P.M.

**\$50 per Ticket**

21 and up

## Included with Ticket:

- 10 Raffle Tickets
- Open Bar
- Finger Foods
- \$5,000 in Gambling Chips

## Gambling Tables:

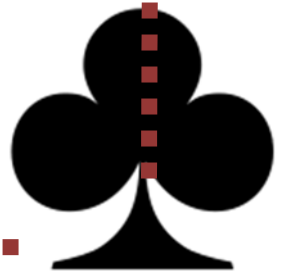
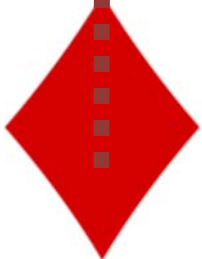
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- Craps
- Roulette
- Big Wheel
- Texas Hold'Em

**\$1,000 IN RAFFLE PRIZES**

(Must be present to win)

**For Tickets Contact:** Mike Meng  
(620) 491-1094

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### Sponsor Levels

\_\_\_ Bronze Level      \$100

Donation includes name recognition on a gaming table for the night.

\_\_\_ Silver Level      \$150

Donation includes 1 admission ticket, 10 raffle tickets, and name recognition on a gaming table for the night.

\_\_\_ Gold Level      \$250

Donation includes 2 admission tickets, 20 raffle tickets, and name recognition on a prominent gaming table for the night.

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