



FATHERS NELLEN COUNCIL # 6371 - PO Box 322 - WAUNAKEE, WI 53597-0322

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING WILL BE: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2020 AT 7:00 PM
 NEXT OFFICERS MEETING WILL BE: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2020 AT 7:00 PM

The Business Meeting will be held online on Zoom

<https://zoom.us/j/91021306896?pwd=YXhaMDIvMIJSbnpPT3kxR3FXUFFhQT09>

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KNIGHT OF THE MONTH—GUY & CREIGHTON STARBUCK



The November Knight of the Month is Guy Starbuck and “Knight” of the Month is his son Creighton Starbuck. Guy and Creighton lead by example, Guy is a past Committee Chair and is presently a parent volunteer for Boy Scout Troop 46 in Waunakee, is a member of Rosary Group of parishioners who gather to share a meal, pray the rosary and share their faith, and attends the Wednesday evening and Thursday Morning men’s groups. Guy and his wife Denise worked together on the marriage prep program FOCUS at St. Johns. Creighton immediately volunteered at the opportunity to help stream masses at St John’s; volunteering and lending a hand is part of who Creighton is, whether it includes volunteering in the community, at Scout programs or wherever help is needed. If that was not enough, Creighton also achieved the honor of being an Eagle Scout and will hopefully prayerfully consider becoming a Knight when he turns 18.



HIGHLIGHTED CHARITY OF THE MONTH

COVID has dramatically affected all of us, especially our parish and its sources of revenue, if you are not regularly donating to the parish, please consider doing so, it can be done online at <http://stjb.org>. COVID has also impacted our Council as many of the fundraisers that generate our revenues have been cancelled. The Officers and our Council are taking a very conservative approach on recurring and ad hoc donations, we have found we are having to forego making a donation or reducing the amount. On selected months I will highlight a charity the council regularly donates to and for which the Officers will be recommending a donation to, however I also wish to open up the opportunity for you to consider making a personal donation to this highlighted charity of the month. If you wish to make a personal donation please forward your donation to the council by mail at PO Box 322 Waunakee, drop off at the parish office, or collection basket; be sure to note “Knights of Columbus”, the council will forward your donation to the highlighted charity or cause. No amount is too small.

PROMOTING LIFE

Due to COVID, the close contact with donors, exchange of money and Lifesavers, the drive had to be cancelled. In lieu of collections and distribution of Lifesavers, the Council will be making cash donations to the Women’s Care Center and Statewide Ultrasound Initiatives. If you are interested in also donating as you were unable to do so during the Lifesavers Drive, the cause is near and dear to your heart, you are able to give or just want to give; please mail your donation as noted above to the Council.

FAITH

- **Rosary on Mondays and Wednesdays at 7pm** – a rosary walk is held every Monday at the church at 7pm and praying the rosary in the chapel is held every Wednesday at 7pm. Please consider joining.
- **Father Alex Donation** – If you remember Father Alex, who was a pastor with our parish, presided over mass in the middle of October and gave a detailed account for his home parish in India and seeking donations to help the parishioners and those in the community. When a crisis hits in his Indian parish, the community turns to the church for assistance. At the October business meeting, the council approved a \$250 donation.
- **Roads to Tanzania** – To help celebrate Father Fagan's birthday and 60th anniversary of being ordained a priest, the Council approved at the October business meeting to donate \$250 to Roads to Tanzania.
- **Memorial Mass** – the traditional Memorial Mass will not be held this year, however mass will still be held on November 7 at 8PM to honor those who have passed away in 2020. There are plans to livestream the mass online on the parish's YouTube channel.
- **Fifth Sunday Rosary Schedule** – November 29 7:30 AM will be the next fifth Sunday rosary. Please consider attending and participating as well as leading a decade. Please contact Ben Pike for more information Benjamin.a.pike@gmail.com
- **FORMED** – If you have not heard of FORMED, please learn more in the weekly bulletin or go to <http://stjb.org> and follow the link for information how to create an online account and sign into a plethora of online videos to deepen your faith. There are many different study and reflection programs guaranteed to deepen everyone's faith. Please consider utilizing FORMED, there is even an APP for that.
- **Into the Breach** – if you are interested in deepening your faith, I highly recommend as do many of your brother knights watching the Into the Breach video series available at <https://www.kofc.org/en/campaigns/into-the-breach.html>
- **A Moment with Bishop Hying** – Every weekday, Bishop Hying records and posts online a 2-3 minute video reflecting on a timely topic. These are great videos that provide an intimate connection to our Bishop while deepening our faith. You can access the videos many ways
 - Create an account on YouTube and subscribe to the Diocese of Madison (subscribe to STJB Waunakee too)
 - Follow the Diocese of Madison on Facebook
 - Go to <https://madisondiocese.org/bishop> and under "links" will take you to the daily video
- **Relevant Radio (App)** – tune into 1240 and listen to many relevant and timely discussion on our faith and social issues. You also have the ability to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 every day, the family rosary at 7:00. There are also links to several prayers and devotions and daily readings. And yes there is an APP for that too.
- **Tweets from Pope Francis** – you may wish to consider creating a Twitter account, doing so will permit you to receive daily tweets that are prayers and intentions from Pope Francis. Simply go to <http://twitter.com> create an account or if you have an account follow Pope Francis by searching "@Pontifex".
- **Men's Fellowship Groups** – If you are interested in growing your faith and fellowship, please consider attending one or more of the following men's groups
 - **Tuesday Morning Rosary and Bible Study** – After the 8 AM mass, men and women are invited to pray the rosary, study the bible and your faith and enjoy some fellowship
 - **Wednesday Evening Men's Group** – whether you need a midweek recharge or are dropping your child off at faith formation, consider attending this men's group for enrichment on becoming a better father and husband in Christ
 - **Thursday Morning Men's Group** – IS BACK 6 AM – 7:30 AM in the narthex and virtually on Zoom. For more information please contact stjb.Thursday.men@gmail.com
 - **Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study** – join other men on Saturday mornings from 7 AM – 8 AM to grow your faith by studying the bible and other spiritual growth programs.
 - If you know of other men's groups that should be listed here, please forward to Erik Hayko at ehayko@tds.net

Some of the above groups are meeting through online meetings and video conferencing to adhere to social distancing to permit the groups to continue to meet.

LIFE

- **Prayer for the end to abortions** – the thousands of deaths due to COVID 19 is horrible, however the pace of abortions continue at an unacceptable pace during this pandemic, one is too many. Please find time during your daily prayer and reflection to pray for the end of abortion.

COMMUNITY

- **Fifth Monday Men's Shelter Meals** – Every fifth Monday our council takes a meal to a men's shelter in downtown Madison and serves the homeless. Here is the 2020 schedule, please consider serving our most vulnerable. Next scheduled date November 30. Due to social distancing mandates from Dane County Public Health and the City of Madison, the Officer's approved a cash donation of \$ in lieu of purchasing and serving a meal.
- **St Mary of the Lake Country Fair Drive Up Dinner** – October 14 a Drive Up Taproom was held and received tremendous support and served over 500 of their famous roast beef meals as well as nearly 100 chicken or sausage dinners. Thank you very much for all of you who helped make this event a huge success.
- **Facebook** – Are you on the council's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/WaunakeeWestport-Knights-of-Columbus-132085603804533>). Our Facebook site can serve as a great tool to communicate. Like and a follow our website.
- **FlockNote** – If you have not heard of FlockNote, please learn more in the weekly bulletin or go to <http://stjb.org> and follow the link and information how to create an online account and sign in. FlockNote is being used by the Diocese and Parish to communicate various events and needs and communications. Information on the Wednesday Taproom including menus can be found here as well as volunteering to help your neighbors or seeking assistance from these volunteers. Please consider utilizing FlockNote, there is even an APP for that.
- **November Gift Card Raffle** – GET YOUR TICKETS NOW. It's not too late, tickets can still be received and including in the daily drawings through every day of November. As a fund raising campaign for the Council raffle tickets have been mailed to you. If you wish to purchase the tickets follow the instructions for returning the tickets and payment, if you wish to safely sell the tickets to family and friends you are encouraged to so as well, same return instructions. Most importantly if you need more tickets, please let us know and we can get you more. There will be a daily drawing on the Council's Facebook page each evening in the month of November from the 1st to 30th. This is a tremendous opportunity to raise a considerable amount of funds for the council to donate to our causes as well as supporting local businesses. <https://www.facebook.com/WaunakeeWestport-Knights-of-Columbus-132085603804533>
- **Rotary Lights Sign Up** - Rotary Lights are fast approaching, this is a great fundraising opportunity for our council as we share the collected donations based on percentage of volunteer hours. Below is a link to sign up to man the greeting booth. Shifts are filling up fast. Please consider taking a shift or two before they fill up. <https://waunakeerotary.org>
- **Coats for Kids** – At the October Business Meeting, the council approved the purchase of 6 boxes of brand new coats to donate to St Vincent DePaul Society. Also please be on the lookout and plan to donate those gently used coats, barrels can be found in the gathering room.
- **Food for Kids** – At the October Business Meeting, the council approved a \$500 donation to the Waunakee Food for Kids event. Due to COVID, the food packing event will not occur, however cash donations were being requested to continue to support this critical event that provides life savings meals to the worlds most vulnerable.
- **Fall Cleanup** – if you are interested in helping out with the fall cleanup (leaf raking) or know of someone in the community (including you) in need of assistance to have your leaves racked during the month of November, some dates being considered are 11/7, 11/14, 11/20 and 11/21; please contact Ed Gilkes edgilkes@gmail.com

FAMILY

- **Fellowship Weekends** – Every third weekend after masses at St John's our council and other groups will be hosting fellowship weekends to bring parishioners together and enjoy some fellowship. In the kitchenette we will be serving cookies (after evening masses) and donuts (after morning masses) as well as beverages. Prayer for the end of the pandemic so it can return soon.

SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE

"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." (Gospel for Nov. 22, Mt 25:40)

St. Teresa of Calcutta observed that in the poor we can see Christ in a distressing disguise. Quite frankly, it can be difficult to see Christ in some of those who suffer. But we, by virtue of our baptism, are Christians on a mission: We are called not to ignore those who suffer, but to attend to their physical and spiritual needs. May we, my brother Knights, strive to recognize the face of Christ — however obscured it may seem — in the faces of the poor and suffering around us and respond to them with Christ's love and compassion.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to find a way to directly serve the poor, the sick, the needy or the imprisoned in some way, such as by serving in a soup kitchen. Second, I challenge you to join with your brother Knights in the Faith in Action Food for Families program so as to help feed the hungry in your midst.

Questions for Reflection:

Why is it so difficult at times to see Christ in every human person? What obstacles exist in your life that prevent you from being more aware and attentive to the serious needs of others? How can serving others help you see Christ in them?

MESSAGE FROM FIELD AGENT – Dennis O'Connell

On October 15th we provided a Statewide live Virtual event for our Councils to have a Fraternal Benefits Night which we invited all Catholic's and those considering joining the Church to attend for free!! Tom Hegna is a world-renowned speaker who helps people prepare for retirement. There was a survey at the end of the event to collect information so that our Councils would get credit for our first Fraternal Benefits Night. If you missed that opportunity to participate in that Virtual Seminar, I have good news for you. Because General Agent Tim Nowak's territory also consist of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, we are inviting all members, all Catholic's and those considering joining the Church to attend for free!! in the same Seminar that the State of Michigan is hosting on Wed. December 2nd at 7 PM central time. You will need to register in order to do so using this: (https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_LdTIJOZLQRWerICJ72G1rA).

This will be well worth your time. I have heard many great comments from others that were able to watch and participate on the October 15th Seminar. I would also ask each of you to prayerfully consider calling, writing letters and sending cards to anyone you know who would be considered a shut in as well as those in nursing homes. During this time, it is hard for family to get in to see those they love and some of these folks do not understand and feel that they are forgotten. A quick note or a card of remembrance could be the one thing that helps someone get through this difficult time. We are seeing an increase in deaths not necessarily caused by the Corona Virus as much as the isolation as a result of Covid-19. I have had many calls from families who have experienced a loss of a loved one who they were surprised by their passing. They have stated that not seeing them was a contributing factor.

We are certainly looking forward to doing many more activities as we get back into going to Mass and as our Councils start engaging with their parishes in a new and different way. I know that we are going to be a huge factor in reigniting our parishes. As members of the Knights we will be working to lead re-engagement at our Priest request. So, I thank each of you in advance for promoting the good works of the order.

I am able to visit you either Virtually or by Face-to-Face to help you provide the protection for those that are most important to you.

I look forward to connecting soon. Vivat Jesus!, Respectfully,



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