



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING WILL BE: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2020 AT 7:00 PM

NEXT OFFICERS MEETING WILL BE: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2020 AT 7:00 PM

The Business Meeting will be held online on Zoom, a link will be emailed a few days before the meeting.



Congratulations on your Ordination

Our Council's Past Grand Knight and Current District Deputy, Dennis Hampton presents Father Vincent Racanelli with a check for \$100 from the State Knights of Columbus Council in honor of his recent ordination.

Welcome to St John's and St Mary of the Lake Father Vincent.

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. Each month 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.

INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES

Our Council normally holds a Tootsie Roll Drive that raises funds for charitable organizations that support children with intellectual and physical disabilities. Due to COVID, the close contact with donors, exchange of money and tootsie rolls, the drive had to be cancelled. In lieu of collections and distribution of tootsie rolls, the Council will be making a cash donation to the charities the beginning of October. If you are interested in also donating as you were unable to do so during the Tootsie Roll 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.
- **Men of Christ Conference IS STILL ON** - online registration is open to attend the 2020 Men of Christ Conference in Wisconsin Dells on October 24. <https://menofchrist.net/conferences/2020-mens-conference-madison/>
- **HELP WANTED to LIVE STREAM MASSES** – do you have a hidden (or widely known) talent and interest in technology and have always wanted to be a cameraman? Andy Rothschild has been volunteering his time to live streaming masses on the parish's YouTube Channel (STJB Waunakee). Andy is now looking to hand this off to the Knights to help coordinate this effort going forward. St John's has purchased the equipment and what assistance is needed is learning to use the equipment and make the transitions to the zooms of choir, altar, lectern and other preset views. I have already reached out to Eileen Daley and Liz Goldman to inquire if any older students may be interested in helping out, however the Knights are in need of someone to coordinate this effort and be responsible for ensuring masses are available for live streaming. The plan is to live stream the Saturday 5pm mass, Sunday 10:30am mass and Sunday 1:00pm Spanish mass. Please consider this once in a lifetime opportunity, email Erik Hayko ehayko@tds.net if you are interested or would like to discuss further.
- **Fifth Sunday Rosary Schedule** – Thank you to Ben Pike for leading the rosary before the 8AM mass on August 30. The next fifth Sunday Rosary will be held November 29. Please consider attending and helping lead a decade. The rosary will begin 30 minutes before the start of mass.
- **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** – starting back up September 17 from 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.

- **Patriotic Rosary** – Please consider attending and spreading the word for upcoming Patriotic Rosaries. Also please considering helping lead a decade. Mark your calendars for upcoming Patriotic Rosaries on November 2 at 7:00 in the chapel (old church). Please contact Bob Sachtjen for more information (608) 218-0872 rsachtjen@charter.net

LIFE

- **40 Days for Life** – Kickoff to this year's 40 Days for Life will be held at the Chapel at Holy Name on September 19 at 1:30 PM, the 40 Day campaign begins September 23, you can sign up for a slot to pray for the end to abortion between September 23 and November 1 at <https://menofchrist.net/conferences/2020-mens-conference-madison/>
- **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.
- **Wauktoberfest Bags** – The Wauktoberfest committee is seeking 3-4 Knights to assist in stuffing 100 bags of goodies on September 10 3:00-5:00 PM in the Narthex, the bags will be available for sale. An assembly/packing line will be designed in a way to be socially distant. If you are interested, please contact Dennis Hampton ddhamp1958@tds.net
- **Drive Up Wauktoberfest Meal September 16** – Our council and the Lions will be jointly preparing two Wauktoberfest meal options. Stay tuned for dates and times, however prep work will be needed on 9/15 and earlier in the day on 9/16 and staffing the Drive Up on 9/16. Please contact Dennis Hampton for more details ddhamp1958@tds.net
- **Save the Date – St Mary of the Lake Country Fair Drive Up Dinner** – October 14, stay tuned for additional details to help staff the stand and prep. Please contact Dennis Hampton for more details ddhamp1958@tds.net
- **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.

The 138th Supreme Convention was held virtually and there were some very inspirational items of note. I have included two links below for you to click and listen to:

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson address covered many relevant topics facing us today as well as some of the accurate history of Christopher Columbus. Please consider watching.

<https://www.kofc.org/un/en/news-room/convention/2020/supreme-knight-speech-video.html>

Pope Francis shared a message to all Knights. Please reading a letter from the Holy See to the Knights

<http://kofc.org/en/resources/convention/2020/papal-message-138th-supreme-convention.pdf>

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

“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” (Mt 18:20)

There is power in numbers. It’s often how we get things done. When men are united by a clear mission, they become a “band of brothers” whose whole is greater than the sum of its parts. And when that mission is given to us by Jesus, we are united in Christ, who directs and strengthens us to accomplish great things. May we, my brothers, form strong bonds of fraternity founded on Christ as we labor to build up the kingdom of heaven.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to learn more about fraternity by viewing the “Brotherhood” episode of the *Into the Breach* video series produced by the Knights of Columbus. Second, I challenge you to help build bonds of brotherhood in your parish by offering the Faith in Action Into the Breach program.

Questions for Reflection:

Are you willing to “stand in the breach” with your brother Knights and fellow Catholics to serve Christ and defend the faith? Are you a good “brother” to others, forming male friendships marked by shared faith, honesty and accountability to fight the spiritual battle? How can a “band of brothers” ensure that they are gathered in the name of Jesus Christ?

MESSAGE FROM FIELD AGENT – Dennis O’Connell

This month our founder Father Michael J McGivney celebrated his 168th birthday! As you may have been aware, Pope Francis has recently recognized a miracle attributed to Father McGivney. With the decree from Pope Francis, Father McGivney will be declared “Blessed,” the final step prior to sainthood.

You can learn more about Father McGivney’s path to Sainthood here:
<https://www.fathermcgivney.org/en/for-the-media/michael-mcgivney-closer-to-sainthood.html>



I’ve always been so inspired by Father McGivney’s life and vision for our order. After experiencing the tragic loss of his own father and the financial burden left to his family, and seeing similar situations occur in his parish, Father McGivney developed our fraternal benefits program. His life experiences are [why we offer insurance](#).

During these uncertain times, your Field Agent would like to share how the Knights of Columbus can help guarantee the financial wellness of your family. Please let him know when you are available to discuss the benefits available to you.

Respectfully,



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