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MOKENA KNIGHTHOOD



...and they found the Babe, wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger

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MONDAY DECEMBER 1, FOURTH DEGREE OPEN HOUSE. Go visit! (Page 2)

SATURDAY DECEMBER 6: MANGER SET UP: Volunteers needed! Meet in the church narthex at 8:30 AM.

MONDAY DECEMBER 8: BLESSING OF THE NATIVITY: After the morning Mass. Come with us to celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

TUESDAY DECEMBER 9: COUNCIL MEETING: In the par-

ish hall at 7:00 PM.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 13:

THE NUNS BINGO: We always have a great family time with the sisters. At 1:30 PM in the mother house on St Francis Road. (See page 5)

SATURDAY DECEMBER 13: FAMILY MASS AND CHRISTMAS PARTY: Our wonderful annual party. See the back page.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 14: PICTURES WITH SANTA: Our experts will take pictures of the kids sitting on Santa's lap! After all morning Masses. (See page 7)



OPEN HOUSE MONDAY DECEMBER 1



Joliet Assembly 0204

Come to Joliet and meet the fourth degree knights.
The JOLIET ASSEMBLY has members from 12 councils!

A MEAL WILL BE SERVED AT 6:00 PM

ALL KNIGHTS REGARDLESS OF DEGREE ARE WELCOME

(The meal is free to all guests, Assembly members pay \$5.00)

(There will be a cash bar and door prizes)

PRESENTATIONS AND RAFFLES START AT 7:00 PM

MEMBERS WILL EXPLAIN THE 4TH DEGREE

(A sword will be raffled—you must apply for the degree to be eligible)

(Other raffles will be held—all are eligible for these)

**TO JOIN THE FOURTH DEGREE YOU MUST BE A
THIRD DEGREE KNIGHT BEFORE THE FOURTH
DEGREE INSTALLATION ON FEBRUARY 21, 2015**

**COME TO THE PARTY AT THE COUNCIL 4400
CLUB HOUSE, 1813 EAST CASS ST., JOLIET**

(Driveway just west of the viaduct as you enter Joliet on US 30 from New Lenox)



**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
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Forty Days for Life

Each October, Catholic pro life organizations band together to pray in front of abortion clinics. Parishes are contacted to fill a time slot to carry out forty days of prayer for an end to abortion.

On October 20, the St Mary Church Pro Life team visited the "Access Health Care" abortion clinic in Downers grove. With songs, recitation of the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet, and with inspiring readings, our team did their part.

The St. Mary committee was composed of Helen Sluis, Carolyn Farhat, Donna Shehane, Cliff Peloquin and Joe Sluis.



Monument to The Unborn

The monument and prayer garden shown here were built by Council 9770 of Frankfort. They stand in front of the Church of St Anthony. Memorial bricks in the walk were pur-

chased by parishioners to pay a significant part of the costs.

Most Knights of Columbus councils have placed a similar memorial at their parish. We may now have a new opportunity.





Dan and Joe presented four dozen coats to the Frankfort Township Food Pantry

Coats for Kids

Coats for kids is a Knights of Columbus initiative to help poor children. The Supreme Council sells coats to local councils at \$220 per case of 12 coats. The coats are very good quality and each case comes in assorted sizes for either boys or girls.

This year our council purchased six cases of coats for distribution. We took advantage of the screening already in place at the Frankfort Township and New Lenox Township food pantries so that they distributed the coats for us to needy kids.

As shown at right and above, the six dozen coats were distributed to the food pantries in early November. The council does not ask who the recipients are. The coats come in varying styles and colors so that the recipients are not identifiable by the coat. A great program!



Vivat Jesus



Dan presented two dozen coats to the New Lenox Township Food Pantry

October Crosses

The council's memorial crosses that remember the horrible facts of abortion were placed on October 1 and removed on October 31. Half were placed at St Mary in Mokena and the



St Mary, Mokena

other half were placed in front of the Parish of St George in Tinley Park. They represent a "visual prayer" for all to see.

Pray that we will be able to retire them soon!
Vivat Jesus



St George, Tinley Park

PLAYING WITH NUNS!



The second Saturday of December is always a special day for us. At 1:30 PM on December 13, (set up at 1:00 PM) the retired sisters at the Franciscan mother house on St Francis Road invite us into their home for a short party. Some of the sisters are very old and many need help.. It is a true Christmas "love in".

Every sister wins at least two prizes in the bingo game. All enjoy singing and laughing with our children, our wives and all of us. Come join in the fun!. The party is over by three .PM.

THE BISHOP'S BURSE

The annual "Bishop's Burse" dinner held by the Joliet Chapter on December 1 was a wonderful success. The parish hall was beautifully decorated, the table settings were superb and the food was also wonderful. Congratulations to our council member, Sir Knight Greg Quinn, President of the Joliet Chapter, for sponsoring a great event.. The Bishop's Burse is an annual fund raiser. At this event, President Quinn presented Bishop Conlon with a check for \$15,000.

Vivat Jesus

Michael Duffy



On November 15 we buried another World War II veteran. Mike Duffy fought with the Marines in the South Pacific battle of Saipan and served in the occupation army of Japan. After the war he joined the Chicago Police Department.

Mike served as a police officer for 39 years, retiring with the rank of Lieutenant. He loved to tell stories about the police and Chicago politicians.

Sir Knight Mike Duffy was exemplified into the Fourth Degree of the order in February, 2010.

He leaves his wife Joann, two daughters, five grand children and twelve great grand children.

He was honored at his wake by an honor guard from the Joliet Assembly.

May he, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Vivat Jesus

Semper Fidelis



The March for Life

Next January about 500,000 Christians will gather in Washington DC for one of the largest civil rights rallies in history. Most of the Christians will be Roman Catholic. The Knights of Columbus will provide thousands of pro life signs, money and security services for this annual prayer vigil and demonstration to end abortion in the United States.

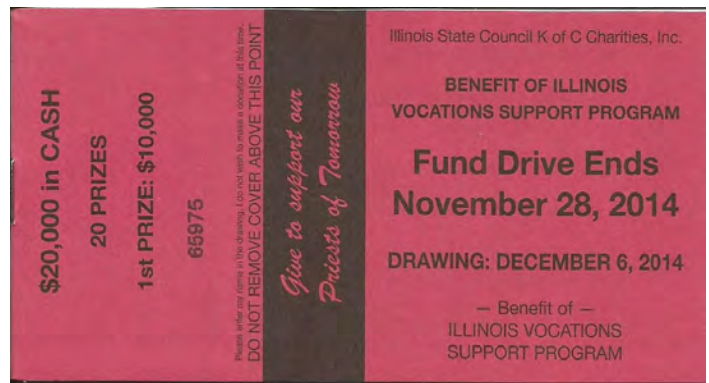
Paula Davis, our Parish Youth Ministry Director has done a fabulous job of recruiting persons to go with her to the March. As of this writing, five adults and five teens are expected to go on the Diocesan buses from St Mary with the 200 or so others who attend every year from the Diocese of Joliet.

The March is a wonderful experience for young people. Most teens nowadays are very aware that their schools are "short handed" because of the wholesale murder of their potential classmates in the womb. Those who are adopted are even more aware of the wonderful blessing they have because they have been saved from execution.

Council members donated \$500 last year to help the youth ministry pay the cost of the trip to Washington. This year donations by our members totaled over \$1400.

Vivat Jesus

The Vocations Raffle



This years raffle sales were wonderfully successful. Our knights bought a larger than usual number and the Council of Catholic Women ladies enthusiastically bought a lot of tickets. Last year we sold 54 books of tickets, yielding a profit for the council vocations fund of \$486. This year we have sold 74 books for a profit of \$666.

Fathers Dindo and John have encouraged several parish men who will be entering seminaries soon. Our vocations fund will make wonderful seed money for our council's support of the new St Mary seminarians. Thanks to all who bought the tickets.

Vivat Jesus

The Prayer Garden



A wonderful addition to our parish is taking shape. St Mary School has begun construction of a prayer garden between the parish offices and the entrance of the school. Our Lady of Lourdes is in place and landscaping plans are well begun. The parish bulletin of November 23 reported that the school has received donations to pay for all phases of the work. The official name of the garden is “St Mary Prayer Garden—Under the Protection of Our Blessed Mother”.

Vivat Jesus

Pictures with Santa

After a hiatus of several years, Pictures with Santa is back! Pictures will be available after the morning Masses on December 14. Our superb photographers will take a digital picture of Santa with kids on his lap. The picture will be “instantly” printed and framed, and mom or dad will have an instant \$5.00 memento of the wonderful event.

As he has been for years, Mark Welch is the primary contact for this. Technical wizard Gene Satrun is the computer guru who makes most of it work. Volunteers are needed for sales, etc. Call Mark at (708) 479 4763 to help. December 14 is also doughnut Sunday!



The Christmas Party

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

5 pm Family Mass

6 pm Council family Christmas Party



Santa will visit!



A festive meal
potluck—bring a dish
single? bring dessert



Plan to sing and have fun!



Call GK Rich Ciancio at (815) 485 0896 to
tell him how many are coming