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## **January 2021 Newsletter**

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### **Grand Knights Report:**

Happy New Year Brother Knights,

And Goodbye 2020! In the midst of a most challenging year, I think our Council accomplished a lot. We assisted with collecting and sorting of over 15,000 pounds of food for the food pantry, collected and distributed over 4200 diapers, had a record year in Toys 4 Tots collections with over 230 toys. We collected over \$4500 for our Tootsie Roll drive even though we were only able to be at 1 store vs. 3 in previous years. We were the primary sponsor for the BRIDGE “Spirit of Bowlerama Day of Giving” online fundraiser and raised nearly \$8000. Due to the overwhelming success of our 150 Club Raffle, we were able to replace income we usually gain from our brat wagon and fish fry fundraisers. This enabled us to continue with our charitable donations to Options for Women, Food for Families and many more worthwhile organizations. We held essay contests and poster contests for youth and started new events like Consecration to the Holy Family. Thank you all for helping to make 2020 a success in the midst of many challenges.

Coming up we have the Novena for Life rosary Jan 14 to Jan 22 at 6pm each night. This will be at the Church and livestreamed. March for Life is planned as an in-person event at Noon on 1/22 at the Capitol in St. Paul. If an in-person gathering is not allowed, it will be a virtual event at the same time. Watch the MCCL website for further updates. And we are in the planning stages for our first drive through Fish Fry on 2/19. We’re still working through some details but stay tuned.

Wishing all of you a very blessed, safe and healthy 2021.

Vivat Jesus,

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### **Upcoming Events**

<b>1/14</b>	Novena for Life begins
<b>1/22</b>	March for Life – St. Paul
<b>1/31</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Rosary
<b>2/2</b>	Groundhog Day (and Council Meeting!)
<b>2/19</b>	Fish Fry (drive through)

# Activities



Charitable donations to Options for Women and Rhinestone Raiders Adaptive Cheer Team



Toys for Tots drive – over 230 toys

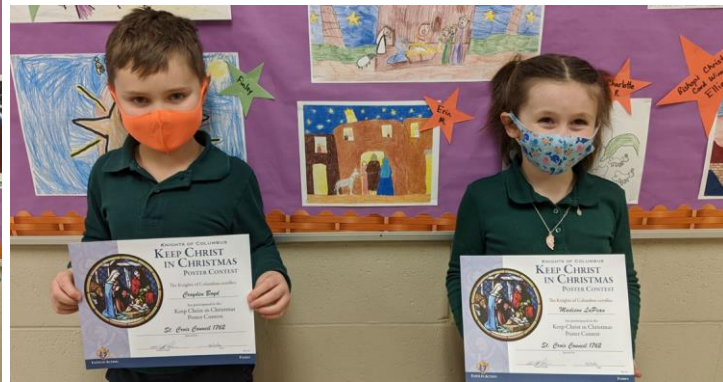
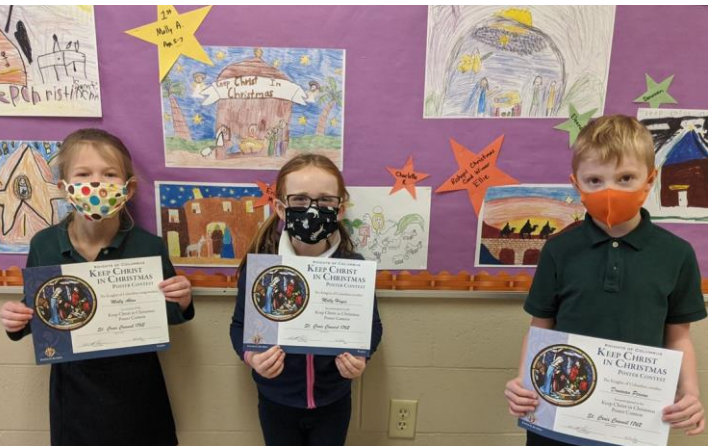


Red Cross Blood Drive



Essay Contest winner – Aidan Miller





Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest Participants:  
 (Top L-R) Madeline McGrady, Maria Frost, Ava Piepel, Mary Raithel, Eleanor Gotrick  
 (Bottom L-R) Molly Akan, Molly Hayes, Donovan Person, Croyden Boyd and Madison LaPean

**January Knight and Family of the month :**

**Knight of the month – Merritt Stigen**

Merritt is responsible for the resounding success of our 150 Club raffle that will net us nearly \$12,000 in profits at a time when we really needed it to maintain our charitable giving. Merritt is extremely active with nearly every KC and parish event we have. But the 150 Club raffle efforts were really above and beyond.

**Family of the month – Jeff and Sharon Schwartz family**

Jeff and Sharon coordinated the Advent Giving program for our parish. In this most challenging environment, they created an online system for parishioners to sign up for donations and organized a safe and efficient drive through donation drop off. And a very successful campaign as well.

Special thanks to **Merritt Stigen** and the **Schwartz's** for their support of our Council and Parish. Congratulations.

**Good of the Order:**

Please pray for Brother Knights:

Howard Brown, Spence Porter, Steve Aza, Ray DeCamp and Jerry Conley

Please also keep in your prayers:

Sr. Margaret, Paul Krenik's sister, Jack Dunbar (Ed DePauw's brother-in-law)