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THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Dear Brother Knights,

The last Sunday of November ushered in the season of Advent. For Christians, Advent marks the beginning of a "new year" of hope in Christ. We recall the time when the world waited for a Savior, and we prepare our hearts and home to celebrate the birthday of Christ.

The first week of Advent reminds us that Christ was born, died, rose from the dead and is going to return at the end of time to judge the nations. "People will die of fright....then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory." We are told to "pray that you [we] have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent".

Jesus told his disciples that when that day comes we are to "stand erect and raise our heads because our redemption is at hand". This is what makes Advent and the whole Christmas season such a time of joy and hope.

On December 8, Pope Francis will open the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica to begin a **Year of Mercy** for the church. With joy we are invited to enter into the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, which Pope Francis calls "a special time for the Church, a time when the witness of believers might grow stronger and more effective" (*Misericordiae Vultus* 3).

When we celebrate the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus, we are witnessing our profound belief in a God of Mercy. We believe that Jesus is the face of God's merciful love, the incarnation of salvation and forgiveness which God offers to every human person.

Pope Francis and Bishop Don Hying hope that every baptized Catholic will embrace this special Year of Mercy with generosity and passion. In our diocese, we are being invited to attend a special Eucharist on Sunday, December 20 at 1pm at our Cathedral of the Holy Angels as Bishop Don opens the Holy Door for this Year of Mercy. The door symbolizes Christ as the sacred portal through which we enter into the fullness of the Father's merciful heart.

During this Holy Year, we are all being invited to practice the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, to experience the tender presence of God through the sacraments, especially the sacrament of reconciliation and to reach out to the poor and the marginalized with generosity and love.

As brother Knights, we will be able to respond to this invitation to practice God's mercy in a number of ways. When we give to those who can not "gift us back" Jesus said we are truly a blessing. . . . As such we become "a portal of God's Mercy."

All of us have a wonderful chance to experience God's mercy through the reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Advent will provide us many opportunities through our parish based communal services.

God desires to shower us with his mercy in many ways. The greatest gift of God's mercy is his redeeming Son our Savior Jesus Christ. May the celebration of Jesus' birth bless us all.

Fr. Doug Mayer

“The Church participates in the mystery of divine motherhood, through preaching, which sows the seed of the Gospel throughout the world, and through the sacraments, which communicate grace and divine life to men.”

Pope Benedict XVI

Words from the Grand Knight



Brother Knights

As I sit here at my desk composing my thoughts about this newsletter I'm thinking about the events that have taken place in the last month and the events of the next month, last month all the turmoil and unrest in the Middle East, Europe, Africa and even on the streets of our country and then I realize Just how grateful I am to live in a community where I am able to practice my faith in the God I chose and be able to celebrate the upcoming holidays with my family and friends without an emanate threat. Wouldn't it be great if their would be Peace in the World for everyone to enjoy.

I like, I'm sure all of you am constantly bombarded with requests from charity's for donations and this is the season of giving so keep in mind the Children of the Indiana Knights of Columbus Gibault Children's Services is also in need of our support so they may have a joyful Christmas. Our Parish's also have need of our support through St. Vincent DePaul, Prison

Ministry, Feed the Homeless, choosing to fulfil some of the wishes on the angle tree in your parish's or community, or simply helping a neighbor with snow shoveling, shopping, and other errands, maybe a ride to Church. This is a great time to consider those in need with your time, talent, and resources. Lets be generous with our support, after all that's what Father Michael McGivney formed the Knights of Columbus for. The Bike Committee has been busy getting bikes ready for "Santa and His Elves" and has done an outstanding job but can still use some help. If you can help call Mark Siminski (219) 798-7116.

Come and join Bishop Hying's as he offers up a Mass for potential and current members of the Knights of Columbus, 7:00pm Monday, November 30th at Our Lady of Consolation, 8303 Taft Street, Merrillville, In.

This is a n opportunity to bring those potential new members to hear our new Bishop talk about the values that we offer our members, and our shared faith which unites us.

“We have a moral obligation to invite every eligible Catholic man to join the Knights of Columbus.”

Carl Anderson, Supreme Knight

From my family to yours have a “Blessed Merry Christmas and a safe Happy New Year.”

Vivat Jesus

GK Gerry Glatt

Life Insurance As a Gift?

The initial reaction for many people when you mention life insurance as a gift is a quick step back and a questioning stare. “How morbid,” they think. While it may seem that way when you first mention it, life insurance is really a thoughtful gift that can be a financial life preserver in tough times.

The problem with life insurance is the general perception. Many think of death instead of the great benefits it provides, and the security that it offers – even while you're alive... Life insurance should be thought of as a precautionary protective measure for a family unit. The purchase of this product can mean saving your home, sending your children to college, and preserving your spouse's quality of life in the event of your death.

One of the times you may want to purchase life insurance for someone is when a family has a new baby. It's a great, low-cost way to set money aside for the future (i.e. college tuition, housing, business start-up, etc.). Of greater importance, it ensures these children will have insurance as adults, in case an illness later in life makes him or her uninsurable.

Newlyweds are also ideal recipients for life insurance. As they join their lives and financial responsibilities, young couples need to make sure that their early investments are fully protected. If something were to happen to one of them, the other may be faced with serious financial hardship. A life insurance policy is an ideal way to ensure their future and protect their assets.

As nontraditional as it may be, life insurance is a wise and caring gift to purchase for many people.

Wishing you and yours a “Merry Christmas” and a “Joyous New Year!”

Eric Olson (With Susan and Zachary)



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**Our 50/50 winner was
Glen Wyant**

Happy December Birthdays to

Seth Bontempo, Bob Bradtke, Jason Krampen,
Daniel Lewandowski, Steven Lockhart, Bob Marchina
John McNamara, Wayne Monnier, John Mullen,
Steven Pavicich And Dan Serafin

**Remember our Brothers and their
Families that are need of our Prayers**

All the Veterans, past and present, Dennis Conley,
Josie Purevich, Jessica Siminski, Ann McDonaugh,
Marty DeBattista, Ed Stram, Rich Schutkovske, Gene
Bonta, and Brother Jim Quirks neice.

If you know of anyone that should be included or
removed from this list contact Dave Pszonka at
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Prayer to God, the Source of Health

God our Father, source of all health, be near
those who suffer in the time of weakness and pain;
relieve them of their burden and heal them, if it be
your will.

Give peaceful sleep to those who need rest
for soul and body, and be with them in their hours
of silence. Bless those who know not what another
day will bring.

Make them ready for whatever it may be.
Whether they must stand, or sit or be confined,
grant them a strong spirit.

Inspire with your love those who bring
healing and care to the suffering. May they bestow
Your gifts of health and strength wherever they go.
Grant this prayer, through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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DECEMBER SCHEDULE

- DEC. 3** Council officers meeting
Location to be determined.
- DEC. 9** Council Business meeting
at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
- DEC.12** Council Breakfast at Hebron
Country Kitchen
- DEC.12&13** Santa and his Elves at the
Lowell VFW
- DEC.17** 1st Deg. at Portage.
- DEC.24&25** Birthday Party for Jesus at
all Parish's, please attend
with family and give the gift
of yourself.

**“Our ‘Keep Christ in
Christmas’ program is more
important than ever. Our
work to keep Christ in
Christmas helps everyone
remember that you can’t have
Christmas without Christ.”**

Carl Anderson, Supreme Knight

UPCOMING EVENTS

- JAN. 1** New Years Day.
- JAN. 4** St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Feastday.
- JAN. 6** Epiphany
- JAN. 7** Council officers meeting
Location to be determined.
- JAN. 9** Council Christmas Party at
Tim and Celine
Henderlongs.
- JAN.11** SMV Assembly 2712
meeting at St. Andrews.
- JAN.13** SEAS Council 7473 Business
meeting at Holy Spirit.
- JAN.16** Ladies CRHP weekend
retreat at SEAS. Pray for
them.
- JAN.20** March for Life bus leaves for
Washington, DC.
- JAN.30** Mens CRHP weekend retreat
at SEAS. Pray for them.

2016 MEETING SCHEDULE

JANUARY	13	Holy Spirit
FEBRUARY	10	Hebron
MARCH	9	SEAS
APRIL	13	Holy Spirit
MAY	11	Hebron
JUNE	8	SEAS



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