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- FAMILY OF THE QUARTER**

The Mikulich Family



SATURDAY NOVEMBER 1:

THE BISHOP'S BURSE: The annual banquet for our Bishops given by the Joliet Chapter. After the 5 PM Mass with all three Bishops (Honor Guard). Last minute tickets may still be available. Call Greg Quinn at (708) 479 4864. Advance tickets only.

MONDAY NOVEMBER 3: AS-

SEMBLY MEETING: The Assembly will meet at the Council 4400 hall at 7:30 PM. (Last steak fry)

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 8: ST MARY MENS FALL BREAK-

FAST: A men's get together with Father Dindo. From 9 until 11:30 AM Cost is \$20.00. See the form Pg 6

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 9: THE

MEMORIAL MASS: The annual Knights of Columbus Mass for our deceased. At St Joseph Church in Manhattan, 10:30 AM Mass. (Fourth Degree honor guard) See page 3.

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 11:

COUNCIL MEETING In the Parish Hall 7:00 PM.

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 13:

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN: All knights need this training! See page 5

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 15:

POKER NIGHT AT DAN'S: Dan Michalak opens his house for an evening of cards and camaraderie.

Dan lives at 2372 Rock Canyon, New Lenox, Phone (815) 453 1044

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 16:

PANCAKE BREAKFAST: Come and help with this great council fund raiser. Call Joe Kral at (779) 324 5047 or (708) 478 4543 to volunteer.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 22:

"WALK THE TALK" ANNUAL CATHOLIC MENS CONFER-

ENCE: At Northern Illinois University for all Catholic men. See page 5.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 22:

THE PARADE OF LIGHTS: The annual Mokena Christmas parade. The parade starts at 5:00 PM. We provide the only Christian item in the parade each year! The parade is best seen on Front Street. Bring the kids!

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 25:

OFFICER MEETING: In the Parish Hall at 7:00 PM.

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 27:

THANKSGIVING DAY: Give thanks to our Lord.

MONDAY DECEMBER 1:

FOURTH DEGREE OPEN

HOUSE: The annual "show and tell" of the Joliet Assembly, Fourth Degree. All knights are welcome to come and learn about the Fourth Degree. See the flyer, back page.



THE CROSSES AT ST MARY

During the entire month of October, over 100 white crosses were visible in the little green space near the entrance of our Church. About the same number were placed at St George Church in Tinley Park. The crosses were manufactured by our Past Grand Knight John Hoffman and brother John O Reilly about ten years ago and have seen much service. This is the first year that our Pastor has given permission to display them at St Mary Church in Mokena. In past years, men of our council have placed them at Catholic Churches in Lemont, Orland Park, Tinley Park, Frankfort and other locations. They always make people ask what they are for. The crosses remember the children killed by the abortuionists.

It is a sad fact that American women are frequently fooled into killing their babies. Since 1973 over 56 million of our little ones have been killed and thrown into the garbage. The United States of America is the only country in the world where it is legal to kill an unborn infant from the moment of conception until delivery at natural childbirth. It has disgraced our country in the eyes of God and of thinking people everywhere. The display of crosses is made available every October by our council to remind all of us of the shameful facts of child killing in the US. The council has four large signs explaining the crosses that were left out of the display this year. One of the signs stands in front of St George Church in Tinley Park. The month of October is "Pro Life Month".



Some of our crosses in Orland Park



The Knights of Columbus is the largest evangelical men's organization in the world. We proudly stand for life. It is our duty as Christian men to do what we can to end abortion and other evils in our society. Those of us who are able should March for Life in the largest civil rights demonstration in history when it is held in Washington DC every January. Many of us can't do that but the March is an expensive proposition. Why not give some money to the St Mary youth ministry so a young person can go to witness for Christ in your name? You can put a donation in the church collection using a plain envelope marked for the youth ministry.

If you can't go and can't help with money, then pray to end abortion! Our best weapon, as always, is prayer.

Vivat Jesus

THE MEMORIAL MASS

All Knights of Columbus councils have a rule in their bylaws that they must conduct a Memorial Mass once per year. Our local tradition is that the Joliet Assembly of the Fourth Degree organizes the event. This year's Mass will be at St Joseph Church in Manhattan on Sunday, November 9 at the 10:30 AM Mass. The Mass is to honor and remember all those we have lost, knights and their loved ones, in a formal Mass setting with a Fourth Degree honor guard. As part of the Mass, the names of those being remembered will be read.



Grand Knight Richard Cianco will compile a list of those who will be honored at the Mass from our council. Submit names to Rich so they can be included. Rich's phone number is (815) 485 0896 All knights and their families should attend this special Mass. Vivat Jesus

THE LIFE CHAIN

Every year the first Sunday in October is Respect Life Sunday. Ladies of the CCW give out lapel roses and ask for donations at all the Masses. In the afternoon, a demonstration of love for the unborn is held in New Lenox and other places from 2:30 until 3:30 PM.

This year there were fifty two demonstrators from St Mary Church in Mokena and St Jude Church in New Lenox along US 30 for the annual event.



Posing for a group photo after the Life Chain

Knight of the Quarter

Our newest KNIGHT OF THE QUARTER IS CHARLIE KEENAN. CHARLIE IS A KNIGHT WHO PITCHES IN WHENEVER HE CAN. HIS CONTRIBUTIONS ARE NUMEROUS BUT QUIET. HE IS VERY BUSY WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.

CHARLIE AND JACKIE ARE THE MAIN FORCE BEHIND THE "YOUNG AT HEART" ORGANIZATION AT OUR PARISH. THEY ARE ALSO HEAVILY INVOLVED IN THE ELKS, WHERE CHARLIE HAS BEEN AN OFFICER FOR MANY YEARS. OUR NEW KNIGHT OF THE QUARTER IS A GREAT EXAMPLE OF LEADERSHIP IN CIVIC ACTIVITIES. HE IS A WONDERFUL AMBASSADOR FOR OUR COUNCIL

CONGRATULATIONS CHARLIE FOR THIS LONG OVERDUE RECOGNITION!



Charles Keenan

Family of the Quarter

Past Grand Knight Guy Mikulich and his wife Sandy have done marvelous things for our council over the years. Guy has changed jobs several times recently, which has kept him from many more current council activities. In the past, though, he and his family were to be seen at all council events, working and encouraging all who came. Their recognition is perhaps a little overdue but richly deserved.

Congratulations to the Mikulich family, including Aunt Dryja who has coordinated our bake sale for many years. Thank you, Aunt Dryja, Guy and Sandy!



The Mikulich family

Featuring:



Rev. Robert Barron
Popular Evangelist



Eric Scheidler
Pro-Life Action League



John Pridmore
Former Mobster



Collin Raye
Country Music Star

"WALK THE TALK"

20TH ANNUAL GREAT LAKES CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

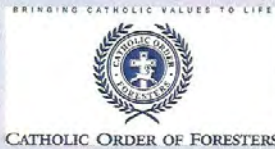
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 22, 2014

8:50AM - 4PM

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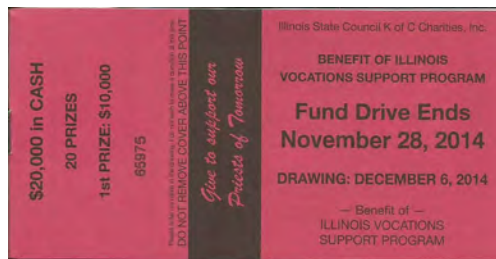
ROSARY ON FRONT ST.

At noon on October 11 more than fifty St Mary parishioners assembled in the little park on the corner of Front Street and Wolf Road to pray. It was a wonderful event with nice weather.

The public prayer was to pray for our nation's freedom, repentance and conversion. Kathy Boucher organized the event.

LAST CHANCE!

The annual Vocations Raffle of the Illinois Knights of Columbus is ending. If you intend to buy a book of tickets, you must get the booklet of stubs along with \$15 to Joe Sluis before Thanksgiving. The raffle will be drawn in early December.



PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

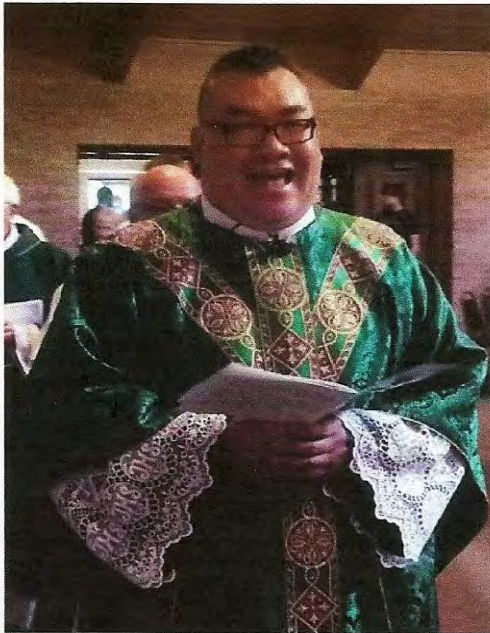
One of the results of the political attacks on our Church known as the "priests scandal" has been a requirement that all Catholics who work with children in any way must be trained in a special course of instruction. Since all the knights are involved in fund raisers and other events that involve kids, all of us must be trained. The next training session at St Mary is on November 13 starting at 6:30 PM.



To enroll you must contact Mary Frances Consola at the church office. Her number is (708) 326 9372 Vivat Jesus

VISION

MEN OF ST. MARY



THE FUTURE IS HERE!
SEE WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT...
WHERE WE'RE GOING
HOW WE'RE GETTING THERE

JOIN FATHER DINDO
at the

MEN'S FALL BREAKFAST

Saturday November 8, 9-11:30 AM

St Mary Church Hall

Cost \$20.00

(Food by Eggcetera)

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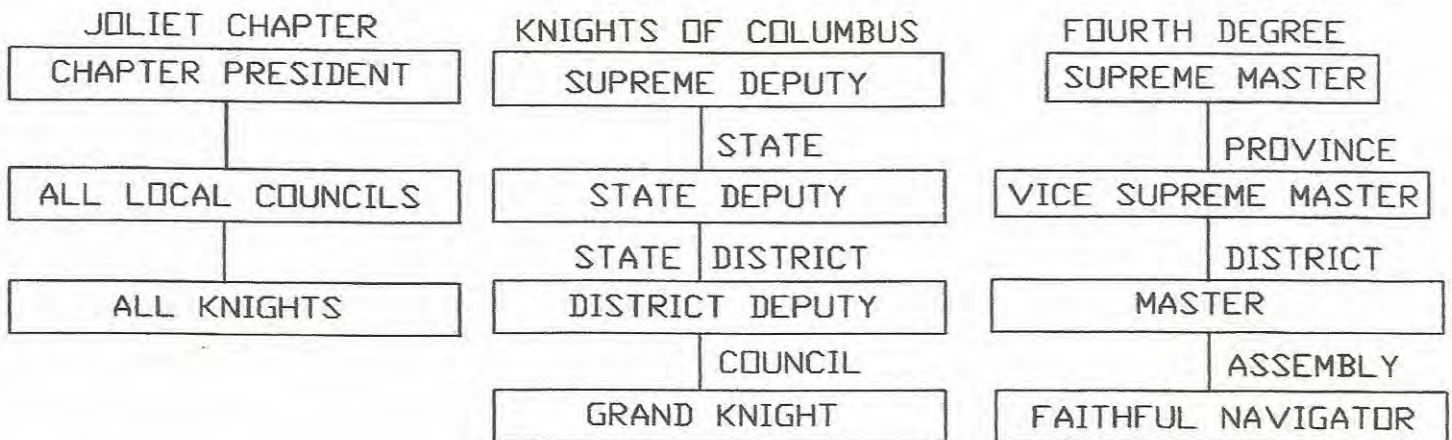
Email: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Place this completed form with \$20 in an envelope marked "Men's Fall Breakfast" into the collection plate at Mass or bring to the Church office
NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 2ND

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ORGANIZATION



The chart above shows the organizational structure of the Joliet Diocese Knights of Columbus.

The Joliet Chapter is an organization that ties together all the councils of the diocese in one group that exists to further mutual goals. Small annual dues from each knight are sent by each council to support the Chapter's activities such as the annual "Bishop's Burse". All knights in the Diocese are members of the Chapter and can attend meetings. Each council has three votes.

The Knights of Columbus is a world wide organization of about 1.8 million Catholic men in over 14,000 local councils. The order is headed by a Supreme knight who is assisted by Regional or State Deputies. State deputies are assisted by District Deputies to oversee local councils. The Joliet Diocese has 73 local councils, each of which is headed by an elected Grand Knight and a slate of elected officers. The highest level of membership in the Knights of Columbus is membership in the Third Degree, which signifies completion of the three step initiation process of the order. Membership is restricted to Catholic men in good standing with the Roman Catholic Church. Knights do not have a uniform but sometimes wear a distinctive ball cap or shirt.

There was considerable interest among the early knights to have a uniformed group. In 1900 the order created a separate patriotic organization known as the Fourth Degree. The Fourth Degree presently has about 300,000 members worldwide in its own separate organization from that of the Knights of Columbus. Fourth Degree knights wear the distinctive uniform that identifies the Knights of Columbus to most people. A Fourth Degree Knight, called a Sir Knight, is not senior to a Third Degree Knight but simply a part of the "Patriotic Order" of the Knights of Columbus. Any Third Degree knight can apply for membership in the Fourth Degree—there are no minimum time requirements. The Fourth Degree is headed by a Supreme Master who has Vice Supreme Masters in charge of Provinces, The Vice Supreme Masters are then in charge of District Masters who supervise the local groups called Assemblies, each headed by an elected Faithful Navigator. Our local Assembly is Joliet Assembly 0204, which is part of the Northern Illinois District, which belongs to the Marquette Province. There are other Assemblies in the Diocese.

Fourth Degree Assemblies draw members from local councils. The Joliet Assembly has about 385 members from twelve councils in the Joliet area. Sir Knight Stephen Joutras of Holy Trinity Council 4400 in Joliet is the present Faithful Navigator.

Those interested in more information about the Fourth Degree should contact Sir Knight Peter Baker at (815) 806 1499 or Sir Knight Tim Cosgrove at (815) 485 5599. Candidates will need to obtain a tuxedo and additional information before they can join the Assembly. Inductions into the Fourth Degree are held once per year. The 2014 induction, called an exemplification, will be on February 21 in Lisle.

Vivat Jesus



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
STEVE JOUTRAS AT 815 341 9035**

