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Happy Thanksgiving!

IN LOVING MEMORY of JOHN "MURPH" MURPHY NOVEMBER 11 1952 – NOVEMBER 2 2017

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A NOTE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

Over the last couple of months our members stepped up and made things happen. We do a lot of good things for a lot of people, unfortunately, it seems like it takes place in a very short period.

The parish conducted two sessions of Christ Renews His Parish for the men and women. We were asked to provide breakfast on Sunday morning. Our volunteers got busy preparing a wonderful breakfast for the participants.

Thanks to efforts by John Petrosky, we were able to collect additional money for the ID Drive from two evenings of donations by the local Potbelly's Restaurant. Several Knights and their families took advantage of this offer and they appreciated the business.

The Vocation Support Raffle is still going on in the parish. The last of the dates is Nov 18th & 19th after the Masses. Please try to turn in completed books as soon as possible if you haven't done so already.

The St Jude School hosted "Dueling Pianos" on November 4th. We provided bar service for this event. There was a large turnout. It was a fantastic night as far as revenue from the bar sales, one of the biggest events we've had.

The Giving Tree has started, please help support families in need by picking an envelope off one of the trees in the Narthex.

The Holiday season is fast approaching, keep an eye out for activities in and around St Jude for you and your family.

Vivat Jesus

Jim Werner
Grand Knight Council #10926

ST. JUDE GIVING TREE

The St Jude Giving Trees will be up in the narthex next weekend November 18 & 19. Volunteer sign-up sheets will be available that weekend ONLY.



If you would like to help with the Giving Tree by sorting, wrapping or delivering gifts, please sign up early as spots fill up fast!

Collection of gifts will begin on

December 3rd 8a-1p

December 4th & 5th 8a-1p and 2p-7p

Gift drop off will take place at the West gym door.

Breakfast with Santa



Sunday, December 10, 2017

9 am to 1 pm

St. Jude School Gym

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Nov 18 – Vocations Drive after Mass

Nov 19 – Vocations Drive after Mass

Dec 10 – Breakfast with Santa

SPECIAL OCCASIONS

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

William Burke, James Cook, Kyle Richardson, Philip Sgariglia, Brian A Nosek, Lester De Carlo, Joseph Gaul, Brian Karneboge, Michael Hankosky, Edward Zsido, Daniel Crapia, Thomas Witte, Richard Michals, John Murphy, Patrick Harmon, Anthony Mrozinski, William Quirke, Milan Vrabec Jr, Timothy Redmond, Bob Thompson III, Ed Dorey, Matthew Schultz, Warren Gill, Henrie Wingels, Felix Giczewski, Christopher Miller, Richard Cervantes, Charles Gestner, William Mucci, Paul Hockberger

2017 EVENT CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

6 – 4th Degree Meeting 7p

11 – **VETERANS DAY**

13 – Council 10926 Meeting 7p

18 – Vocations Drive after Mass

19 – Vocations Drive after Mass

– Squires Meeting 10a

23 – **THANKSGIVING**

28 – Euchre Night

30 – Officers Meeting 7p

DECEMBER

3 – 1st Sunday of Advent

4 – 4th Degree Meeting 7p

8 – Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

10 – Brunch with Santa 9a-1p

11 – Council 10926 Meeting

12 – Euchre Night

21 – Leadership Meeting 7p

25 – Merry Christmas

Vocations Drive

November 18th & 19th

Church Narthex after the 5p, 7a, 9a, & 11a mass

Contact Bill Ruane or Larry Beaudin



KNIGHT OF THE MONTH – AUGUST 2017

Mike Mikos is the August Knight of the Month. Mike is one of those people that you see more than you hear, he quietly goes about his business without much fanfare. He is active in Council activities when he's not helping at other functions, including helping Boy Scout's. Mike originally joined the Knights in 1966 and re-entered in Sept of 2012 and we are glad to have him here with us.

Vocations

Your life was made for it.

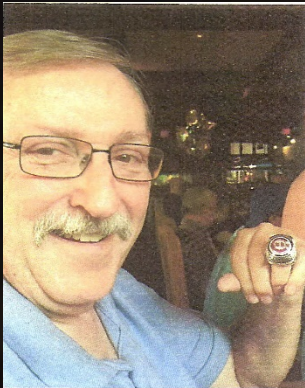
Your Soul depends on it.

Happy
Thanksgiving!



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John L. Murphy

November 11, 1952
to
November 2, 2017

The Murphy family would like to thank everyone for all the support they have given them during this difficult time.

Murph made an impact on so many people. The last seven years he has dealt with his cancer so positively, and never complained and said he was going to beat it. He was a big believer in the power of prayer and talked about how many people he had praying for him. THANK YOU!

Murph and Terrie were married for 44 years. They were blessed with three incredible children Erin, Shawn, and Pat, two wonderful grandchildren, and two future grandchildren who are expected to arrive in March and April. Murph was so happy to hear that wonderful news.

Murph retired in April after 31 years with State Farm Insurance as a Fire Claim Adjuster. Anyone that worked with him said he was always right there to help anyone with a smile. After his family, the two things that made him happy was that he had a beer named after him (Murph's Monster Mash) and that he saw the Cubs win the World Series! Anyone that knew him well, knew that his famous line was "I always have time for one!" Help us to continue celebrating Murph's life by always having time for one!

Murph will be missed greatly. Please keep John and his family in your prayers.

Information taken from the Celebration of Life Mass, St. Jude Church, November 6, 2017

Part 2: Prayer and Heaven (Continued from the October 2017 Newsletter)

Prayer is preparation for Heaven, as courtship is preparation for marriage. If Christ had to define eternal life in one word, he would probably say "prayer." For what he actually said was: "This is eternal life: to know you, the only true God" (John 7:17). And we know God best by prayer.

We know God better by one moment of prayer – of praise or thanks or contrition – than by a thousand books. When we only talk *about* him, we only know *about* him; when we talk *to* him, we get to know *him*.

Job got a foretaste of Heaven, seeing God "face to face," because he spoke *to* God, while his three friends only spoke *about* him. Though God gave Job no explanations for his mysterious trials, Job was satisfied because he had something infinitely better than any answer: The Answerer. He said to God: "I had heard of you with the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you" (Job 42:4). This is what Heaven is: seeing God. Prayer is its appetizer.

The first prerequisite for prayer: humility

The *Catechism* speaks of three necessary prerequisites for prayer. These do not include experience or wisdom or saintliness. Prayer is for beginners and fools and sinners. But not for those devoid of humility, of love, or of faith. These are the prerequisites for prayer. The *Catechism* speaks of humility as "the foundation of prayer". The greatest master of prayer in the Old Testament was probably Moses. God said of Moses, "With him I speak face to face, clearly, not in riddles," *because* "Moses was very humble, more so than anyone else on the face of the earth" (Numbers 13:3, 7-8).

The human reason for humility in prayer is simply the truth that "[m]an is a beggar before God"⁶ (Saint Augustine). We should not be reluctant to confess this truth in all its force, for unless our hands are empty, God finds no place to put his gifts. When we are nothing before him, we can become everything through him.

The divine reason for humility in prayer is the truth that all our prayers, as well as their answers, are God's gifts. "*God calls man first....* God's initiative of love always comes first; our own first step is always a response". God is the First Cause of every good prayer and even of our very *desire* to pray. Our feeble desire for him is a tiny tongue of flame kindled by the infinite bonfire of his burning desire for us. *We cannot imagine* "... the depths of God's desire for us. Whether we realize it or not, prayer is the encounter of God's thirst with ours. God thirsts that we may thirst for him".

So, our *motive* for praying, our right answer to the question, "Why should I pray?" is first of all: "Because God wants it." We need it, but that's why God wants it. Even when we are conscious of no desire in us for God, we should pray to satisfy *God's* desire for us. Baby should eat her spinach because she needs it, but above all because Mommy wants her to. Even if Baby does not feel she needs it, she should do what Mommy says because she loves and trusts her Mommy. Is this comparison demeaning and insulting? No, it is far too flattering. The gap between Baby's wisdom and Mommy's, which requires this blind faith and trust, is nothing compared with the gap between our wisdom and God's. That is why prayer demands humility.

More in next month's newsletter...