



Knights *focus*

St. Jude COUNCIL #7736
St. Jude Catholic Church, Mansfield, TX

Forgiveness and Thankfulness.. *By Grand Knight Dave Tomlin*

November 2013

“Fear and honor, praise and bless, thank and adore the Lord God Almighty, in Trinity and Unity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Creator of all things. Do not put off any longer confessing all your sins, for death will soon come. Give and it will be given you; forgive and you will be forgiven. . . Blessed are they who die repentant, for they shall go to the Kingdom of Heaven! But woe to those who are not converted, for these children of the Devil will go with their father into everlasting fire. Be watchful, therefore. Shun evil, and persevere in well-doing until the end.”

--Saint Francis of Assisi

The quote above from St Francis seemed very appropriate as I write this month's installment for our newsletter.

Appropriate because of the nature of forgiveness especially as it relates to confession and the specter of death; and appropriate for this time of year when we reflect on the things that we are thankful for around the time of Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is a time when we get together with our families to give thanks for the harvest that we have had over the last year. Inclusive, it should be a time of reflection. Recently, I can recall a few instances where I have seen individuals who were becoming increasingly aware of their station in life. Those people were looking back on their past mistakes, and seeking forgiveness for their transgressions. These actions have reminded me to be thankful for the gift of reconciliation. What a great gift it is!!

The ability to be able to seek out and receive forgiveness for the sins that we commit has to be one of the greatest gifts that our fallible human souls can receive.

It is a testament that the Father has the intention of having us in heaven with Him. He wants us there, and gives us the tools to get there.

So, as you reflect on the things that you are thankful for this season, think about visiting the confessional, asking for forgiveness, and giving thanks for this great gift!!

**Vivat Jesus
Dave Tomlin
Grand Knight**

PS- This year I am especially thankful for having such a great council and council officers. You have made my first year as Grand Knight a memorable and easy one!!

Upcoming Events

- November 2 - Matlock Street Cleanup
- November 6 - Prolife Rosary
- November 9 - Bingo
- November 12 - Council Business Meeting
- November 16 - Blood Money Movie
- November 17 - Pancake Breakfast
- November 23 - Pray at Abortion Clinic
- November 23 & 24 - Turkey Raffle
- November 26 - Council Planning
- November 30 - Knights Can Weekend
- November 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24 & 30 - Coat Drive

Bingo

Come out and help with BINGO Saturday November 9th. This is a BIG fundraiser for us so please come and help, or just bring the whole family and play!

Food prep starts around 4:00 P.M. – gaming at 6:30 P.M



**Ask a good Catholic man
to join the Knights today!
It'll make him a better
Catholic – just like it did
to you!!!**

Coats for KIDS

Coats for Kids program throughout November. Please donate your gently used coats that your kids have outgrown to be distributed to the poor of our community. Just bring the coats to Mass and drop in the boxes by the doors.



First Degrees

(all at 7:00 P.M. unless noted)

11/12 – Council 13363 Arlington

11/14 – Council 8417
Waxahachie

11/17 – Council 11423 Ft. Worth

Contact George Kimmel at
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or e-mail at
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if you have a lead on a new
member

Blood Money the Movie

Showing of Blood Money the movie at St. Jude Parish Center after 5:00 P.M. Mass November 16th. A stark truth about the abortion industry in America.

Knights Can Weekend

Our next KNIGHTS CAN Weekend is November 30th. On this weekend, the Knights all make an effort to remember to bring in canned goods for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. This is the time of year Christmas charity plays out for many, so this is when we STEP UP!!!

Matlock Street Cleanup 11-2-13



Monthly Awards

Knight of the Month- Ed Hydecek

Have you seen those pits? Those guys are the direct result of Ed's hard work and passion for the Knights! Thank you Ed for all that you have done and continue to do.

Family of the Month- Speedy Gonzales

Speedy is everywhere! Whenever called, he comes to serve! Thanks, Speedy!!



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Council 7736 Upcoming Events

November 2 – Coats for KIDS each weekend after all Masses

November 6 @ 6:30 P.M. – Prolife Rosary

November 9 @ 6:00 P.M. – Bingo

November 12 @ 7:00 P.M – Council Business Meeting

November 16 @ 6:30 P.M. – Blood Money Movie

November 17 @ 7:00 A.M. – Pancake Breakfast

November 23 @ 8:00 A.M – Pray at Abortion Clinic

November 23 – Turkey Raffle after all Masses

November 26 @ 7:00 P.M – Council Planning Meeting

November 30 – Knights Can Weekend

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