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TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 2:

ASSEMBLY MEETING: The Assembly will meet at Council 4400 at 7:30 PM. .Come and enjoy a steak at the steak fry starting at 5:30 PM.

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 9:

COUNCIL MEETING: In the Parish Hall 7:00 PM.

SATURDAY/SUNDAY SEP-

TEMBER 13/14: TOOTSIE ROLLS AT THE CHURCH

Before and after all the Masses, we solicit money for Intellectually Disabled persons and give out Tootsie Rolls. Volunteers needed! Article Page 5



SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 13:

DAY OF REMEMBRANCE:

The annual ceremony at Resurrection Cemetery in Romeoville to remember our millions of aborted babies. At the cemetery, 1 PM. There is a Fourth Degree Honor Guard for this event with Bishop Siegel. See the back page



SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 14:

FAMILY MASS: We attend Mass together at 9:30 AM. All knights and their families should be there. Wear your KC shirt! There is a **FOURTH DEGREE HONOR GUARD**—show up at 9:00 AM



FRIDAY THROUGH SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19/21: FUND

DRIVE FOR THE INTELLECTU-

ALLY DISABLED: This is the main event! We stand in front of businesses to raise money and hand out Tootsie Rolls. Everyone is needed for this—COME AND HELP! article page 5



SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 20:

MEN'S SOCIAL NIGHT:

The monthly "Poker Night". At Joe Kral's house, 20668 Landings Pointe, Apt. 204, Frankfort. (East on Colorado Street from US 45). At 7:30 PM. Phone (779) 324 5047 or (708) 478 4543.



TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 23:

OFFCERS/DIRECTORS MEET:

In the parish hall at 7:00 PM.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 27:

OKTOBERFEST: The first annual Oktoberfest at St Mary Parish. German food, drink and music for a great party!

Tickets at \$25 will be sold at all the Masses starting September 6. Tickets can also be purchased on the parish web site:

www.stmarymokena.org
Tickets will be \$30 at the door. See the flyer on page 7



Knights of Columbus to Match Donations to Aid Persecuted Iraqis

BY CNA/EWTN NEWS

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — The Knights of Columbus has established a matching fund to assist Christians and other religious minorities facing severe persecution or displacement in Iraq and nearby countries.

“The unprovoked and systematic persecution and violent elimination of Middle-East Christians, as well as other minority groups, especially in Iraq, has created an enormous humanitarian crisis,” Supreme Knight Carl Anderson said Aug. 12.

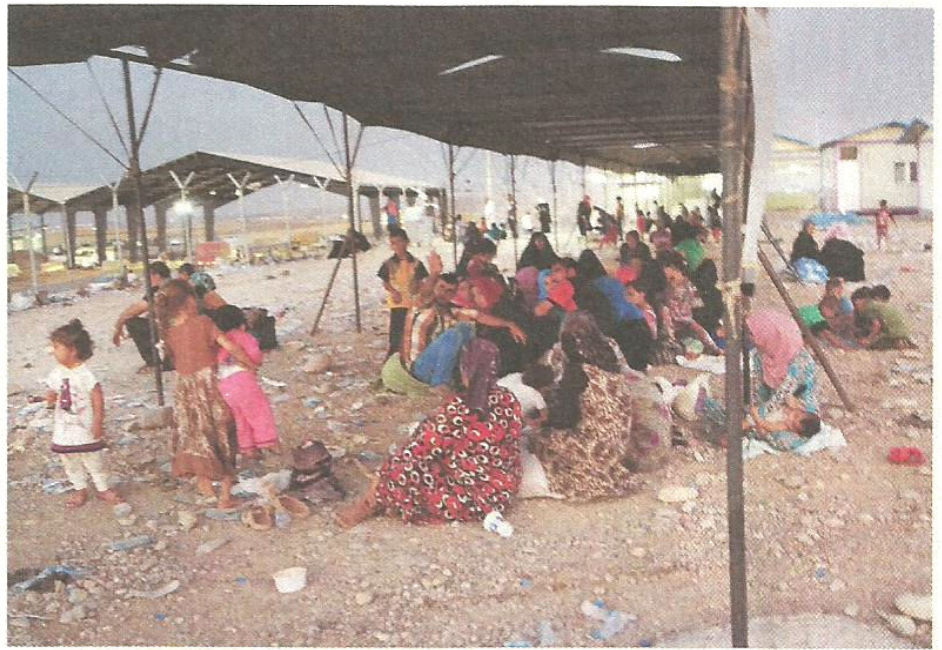
“It has shocked the conscience of the world that people are systematically being purged from the region where their families have lived for millennia simply for their faith,” Anderson continued.

“It is imperative that we stand in solidarity with them in defense of the freedom of conscience and provide them with whatever relief we can.”

In addition to an initial pledge of \$500,000, the Catholic fraternal organization will match another \$500,000 in donations from the public.

Militants with the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant, known as ISIL or ISIS, have seized large areas of Iraqi territory. They took the country’s largest Christian city, Qaraqosh, on the night of Aug. 6, forcing tens of thousands to flee.

The militants have ordered Christians and other minorities to convert, pay a tax known as a “jizya,” leave or be killed.



HIT HARD. Iraqi families who fled recent fighting near the city of Mosul prepare to sleep on the ground as they try to enter a temporary displacement camp but are blocked by Kurdish soldiers last month in Khazair, Iraq. Spencer Platt/Getty Images

Anderson cited Pope Francis’ request that the world pray and support those affected by the “terrible persecution.”

“We are asking our members and all people of goodwill to pray for those persecuted and support efforts to assist them by donating to this fund,” the head of the Knights of Columbus said.

Donations may be made through the webpage KofC.org/Iraq or via check or money orders sent to K of C Christian Refugee Relief, Knights of Columbus Charities, P.O. Box 1966, New Haven, CT 06509-1966. The Knights of Columbus said that 100% of all donations will be used for humanitarian assistance. Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc. is a 501(c)

(3) organization, and donations are tax-deductible.

There are more than 1.8 million members of the Knights of Columbus in councils worldwide. The fraternal order has responded to many disasters, including the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the U.S., typhoons in the Philippines, hurricanes and tornados in the U.S., floods in Mexico and tsunamis in Indonesia and Japan.

The Knights of Columbus have historically supported oppressed Christians, such as during the persecution of the Catholic Church in Mexico in the 1920s. Last year, the Knights provided more than \$170 million and 70 million hours to charitable causes.

PASTOR DINDO BILLOTE

Father Dindo Billote officially became the eighth pastor of St Mary Church on May 16. A twenty man honor guard led a procession of Priests, Father Billote and Bishop Conlon for the solemn installation Mass. The church was packed with people for the occasion. A large contingent of Father Dindo's friends and family came from Naperville to participate and receive his blessing.



Father John's family was in the front row of the church near the Billote family.

After the Mass there was a great reception in the church hall. Father Dindo's parents had arranged for a large quantity of Filipino delicacies to be served. The St Mary CCW provided hundreds of cookies and several large cakes. The knights provided the



Father Dindo with his sister and two aunts

Pop and lemonade that Father Dindo had requested. The food was marvelous and the hall was extremely crowded with well wishers. When the eating was well along, a karaoke player was turned on for singing along fun. Father Dindo's rendition of "Uptown Girl" brought the house down. It was a marvelous affair and a very inspiring way for our new Pastor to officially start his ministry at St Mary.

Vivat Jesus



The Council Picnic

Almost fifty people came to the picnic on August 2. Pete Baker and Bob Strezo did a great job cooking. The food was great as usual. See the council web site for more great pictures.

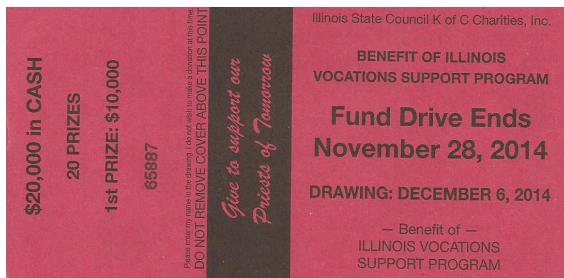


NEED BOOKS?

The annual statewide vocations raffle has begun. One booklet of fifteen tickets has been mailed to every council member. If you are not a council member but would like to buy a booklet of fifteen tickets for \$15, or if you want to sell or buy more than one booklet, contact Joe Sluis by email at Mokenaj@aol.com or write him at:

Joe Sluis
11533 St. Vincent Ct.
Mokena, IL 60448

The raffle has twenty prizes including a \$10,000 Grand Prize. Instruction for sales and return of the stubs are included with the booklets. \$6 from the sale of each booklet goes to the Illinois State Deputy for his vocations fund and the remaining \$9 per booklet is kept by our council for our vocations fund.



LOOK AT THE NEW COUNCIL WEB
SITE: WWW.MOKENAKNIGHTS.ORG

RETURNED HOME

Our Lord took three of our council family to him this past month. They are:

MARY MENDEZ

Mary was the wife of brother Juan Mendez. Mary died after a long struggle with cancer. Her wake and burial were in Franklin Park where she is buried with her family.

EDENIDO ALBOR

Edenido joined the council in 1981 and was a First Degree knight. He was ill for a long time and died on August 21. He is buried in Mokena

CATHERINE TREACY

Catherine was brother Paul Treacy's mother. She died peacefully on August 24 in LoughRea, County Galway, Ireland, where she is buried.

May they rest in the Peace of Christ.

TOOTSIE ROLLS!

Shortly after World War II, Father C. C. Boyle Knights of Columbus Council 4698 at St George Parish in Tinley Park, Illinois came up with the idea of raising money for handicapped adults by giving out Tootsie Rolls in exchange for a donation. Since then, the “Tootsie Roll Drive” has spread all over the United States. All councils do not hold their drive at the same time but Knights of Columbus standing on street corners collecting money for needy “Intellectually Disabled” persons are an American tradition. Whole families often turn out to stand together.



The council buys the tootsie rolls and pays for supplies such as new money cans and aprons out of the proceeds from the fund drive. All other money collected goes to charity. When the drive is over, Financial Secretary Dan Michalak sends a report and a check for the net proceeds to the Illinois State Council. The State Council collects everything from all Illinois councils and then sends a form to each council asking how the money should be distributed. There is a strict set of guidelines for selecting the charities. The councils vote, the Financial Secretaries return the forms with their council instructions and the State Council then combines all the results to issue a single check to each charity selected. Saturday and Sunday September 13 and 14 we will ask for donations at St Mary Church. Knights wearing aprons will be outside the church both before and after each Mass. Our parishioners are always generous.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 19 through 21 are the main effort days. We man locations at the METRA stations, at gas stations and at other stores around town. The job is very labor intensive. All those who can help are asked to do so. Volunteers who are not knights are welcome to join us—ask them to help. Wives and teens are always popular and good at this!

We don't sell individual tootsie rolls—they are a “thank you” for donated money. A tootsie roll is given to each donor regardless of how much money is donated. Some people want to buy a box of fifty tootsie rolls to use for Halloween or a similar purpose, and we then sell them a box of 50 for \$6.50 or a whole case for \$35.00. There are also banks for \$ 2.50.

To help call Dan Michalak at (815) 463 1044 or Pete Baker at (815) 806 1499





MOVING JOHN SARSFIELD



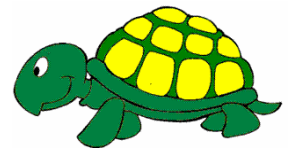
Gene Satrun Mike Sheridan Joe Sluis John O'Reilly Cliff Pelouquin Jeff Ryba John Gantz George Griffiths

On Saturday August 9, a group of our knights helped an 89 year old retired art teacher named John Sarsfield move from his town home in Mokena to assisted living at Marian Village. The crew shown above took about three hours to complete the task—moving John’s goods to his new apartment and to a storage unit nearby. See our web site for more pictures.



THE TURTLES RACED AGAIN!

Congratulations to Mark Welch and his intrepid turtle team. Another fantastic turtle race goes into the history books. The annual race is one of the council’s most effective fund raisers. The July 19 race raised over \$1000 for the council’s charities.



Turtle herders keep 'em moving



Waiting at the finish line

St. Mary Parish's Inaugural



Saturday, September 27 from 6:00 pm to 11:30 pm

Music • Food • Fellowship • Fun

St. Mary Parish is dedicated to the ministry of supporting others in need. This event will not only support St. Mary Parish, but also others in the community. A portion of Oktoberfest profits will be donated to FISH - a local, community-based "helping hand" available to persons in situations of need. FISH offers food, clothing, counsel, help with utility bill payments, transportation assistance, referral service to appropriate agencies, Thanksgiving, Easter and Christmas food baskets to residents of Mokena and Frankfort. We hope you will join us at this 21 & over event!



Commemorative Stein

ONE FREE BEER W/PURCHASE

Serving both German and domestic beers plus wine



Die Musikmeisters

6:30-9:30pm



DJ from 9:30 to 11:30pm

German Food catered by

Polonia

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- ★ OKTOBERFEST ARE ★
- ★ \$25 PER PERSON ★
- ★ (ADULTS ONLY) OR ★
- ★ \$30 AT THE DOOR. ★
- ★ THEY WILL BE ON ★
- ★ SALE AT ALL MASSES ★
- ★ FROM SEPTEMBER 6 ★
- ★ ONWARD OR CAN BE ★
- ★ PURCHASED ★
- ★ THROUGH THE PARISH ★
- ★ WEB SITE. ★
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To Honor the Gravesites of our Unborn Brothers and Sisters



On Saturday, September 13, pro-life Americans will honor the memory of the more than 50 million unborn victims of abortion during the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children.

Solemn prayer services will be held simultaneously at gravesites around the country where abortion victims have been buried, as well as at many other memorial sites dedicated in their honor.

Join us for the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children and ensure that our unborn brothers and sisters will not be forgotten.

Memorial Service *for Victims of Abortion*

Date & Time

Saturday, September 13th, 1:00 p.m.

Honor Guard show up time 12:30 p.m.

Location

Resurrection Cemetery

200 Romeo Road

Romeoville, IL 60446

Special Details

Guests include Bishop Joseph Siegel, auxiliary bishop of the Joliet Diocese

Please feel free to bring your own lawn chair.

Local Contact

Kay Corcoran

Email: corcoran-family@sbcglobal.net

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For more information on this event, visit AbortionMemorials.com