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St. Jude Catholic Church, Mansfield, TX

All You Have To Do Is Ask

by Grand Knight Dave Tomlin

"Preach the Gospel at all times. If necessary, use words." -St. Francis

Francis was the son of a wealthy cloth merchant in Assisi, and he lived the high life typical of a wealthy young man, even fighting for Assisi. While going off to war in 1204, Francis had a vision that directed him back to Assisi, where he lost his taste for his worldly life.

On a pilgrimage to Rome, he begged with the beggars at St. Peter's. The experience moved him to live in poverty. Francis returned home, began preaching on the streets, and soon amassed a following. His order was endorsed by Pope Innocent III in 1210. He then founded the Order of Poor Clares, which was an enclosed order for women, as well as the Third Order of Brothers and Sisters of Penance.

In 1219, he went to Egypt in an attempt to convert the Sultan. By this point, the Franciscan Order had grown to such an extent that its primitive organizational structure was no longer sufficient. He returned to Italy to organize the order. Once his organization was endorsed by the Pope, he withdrew increasingly from external affairs. In 1223, Francis arranged for the first Christmas manger scene. In 1224, he received the stigmata, making him the first recorded person to bear the wounds of Christ's Passion. He died in 1226 while preaching Psalm 141.

Many of our brother knights have followed a similar path as that of St. Francis. Even those of us, who were cradle Catholics, can look back at our own lives and find where we have strayed from God's calling. We may find

ourselves looking to worldly opportunities rather than focusing on the message to give ourselves to loving one another. St. Francis had a life altering vision that called him to follow God's plan for him. For us, we too may have had visions or been counseled to come back to the path.

Ask any brother and they can share with you their story of events that have strengthened their belief in the love of God. They can, also, tell you about events since joining the Knights that have drawn them closer to the church-about how they have become better Catholic men! While we may not be affecting the world with St. Francis' magnitude, we are sending messages to those around us in every endeavor that we undertake. Our actions speak volumes of our charitable intentions, but sometimes, we must use our words.

Don't be shy! At some point someone came into your life and asked you to share in their mission of charity, unity and fraternity. Perhaps through their actions you sought out membership, but, more likely, you were asked!! You were given the opportunity to put into practice the love of neighbor that Jesus spoke to us about. Who are we to deny any soul the opportunity that we offer?

I challenge each of you this month to extend a palm of friendship to those around you in Mass each Sunday. As someone new sits with you, introduce yourself, and ask them to join our Order. Use your words and give them the opportunity to share in our ministry.

All you have to do is ask...

Vivat Jesus!

September 2012

Upcoming Events

- Sep 1 – Abortion Clinic
- Sep 6 – First Degree
- Sep 8 – Family Pool Party
- Sep 11 – Regular Mtg
- Sep 17 – 4th Degree Mtg
- Sep 18 – Lady Knights
- Sep 22 – Parish Festival
- Sep 22/23 – Rosary Sales
- Sep 25 – Planning Mtg
- Sep 29 – Bishop's Prolife Dinner
- Sep 29 – Major Degree in Keller
- Sep 29/30 – KNIGHTS CAN
- Sep 30 – Pancake B'fast

Family Swim Party

Our Annual Family Swim Party will be held at Bob and Patty Schuljak's house on the evening of September 8. It will start around 6:30 P.M. and go until about 10:00 P.M. Meats are provided, along with sodas and ice chests. Please bring a side dish to share. BYOB. Their address is 1201 Hudson Drive in Mansfield. Hope to see you there!

Parish Festival

St. Jude Parish Festival will be all day on September 22. There will only be a handful of food vendors and we will be one of them. Plan on coming out and helping on that day.

Prolife Rosaries

We will be selling Prolife Rosaries after all masses on the weekend of September 22/23. We are hoping to increase the Rosary being said in our parish to bring an end to abortion in America. Please help sell Rosaries after mass that weekend.

First Degree 9/6

We are having another First Degree at St. Jude on the evening of September 6. We start at 7:00 P.M. and it will be over on the education side of the Parish Center where we usually have them. Come and watch our Degree Team in action and help welcome these new men into the Knights!

40 Days For Life

Forty Days For Life kicks off later this month here in Fort Worth. We are not certain as of press time when we will be praying outside the Henderson Street Abortion Clinic, but we will announce our time later in September. Please plan on helping with this important event. Learn much more about this event at www.40daysforlife.com.

Mansfield Musicfest

Mansfield Musicfest is going to be a three day event this year, from October 12-14. This is going to be a MAJOR EVENT for our Council and we will need LOTS of guys to work our booth. We will be cooking our usual fare. PLEASE KEEP THESE DATES OPEN as more information becomes available.

Fourth Degree Exemplification

The next Exemplification of the Fourth Degree of our Order will be held in Irving on October 20. Details about the event, which will last all day, are on the website along with registration paperwork. While October may sound a long ways away, you need to have all your paperwork completed and processed by October 1.

That means you want to have it filled out and in the hands of one of our Fourth Degree members by our meeting on September 11. So you need to start soon! Go pull down the forms from the website for that date and we'll get a Form 4 for you at the next meeting. Don't procrastinate as the fourth Degree is only presented here in the D/FW once a year!



Family Bowling in August

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

First Degrees

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

9/6 – Council 7736 in Mansfield
8/19 – Council 14549 in Arlington
8/28 – Council 13470 in Arlington
9/28 – Council 11423 in Ft. Worth
10/17 – Council 13363 in Arlington

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if you have a lead on a new member

Monthly Awards

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH – Scott Blue – Scott transferred into our council last year and was asked to take on the ProLife chair for 7736 because Chris Heath had moved on to the diocesan level. Scott has been instrumental in putting together the upcoming rosary awareness weekend and the 40 Days for Life campaign! Thank you Scott for your time and dedication!!

FAMILY OF THE MONTH – Eddie Sanders – Eddie is one of the true inspirations in our council. Although he has his personal restrictions, it doesn't hamper his spirit. Eddie, accompanied by his Dad, Howard, completed his 2nd and 3rd degrees this past month. Our council couldn't be more proud of him!!



Find out everything going on with Council 7736 at
www.kofc7736.org

Council 7736 Upcoming Events

September 1 @ 8:15 A.M. – Pray at Abortion Clinic

September 6 @ 7:00 P.M. – First Degree at St. Jude

September 8 @ 6:30 P.M. – Family Pool Party at Bob and Patty Schuljak's house

September 11 @ 7:00 P.M. – Monthly Business Meeting at Parish Center – Rosary at 6:30 P.M.

September 17 @ 7:00 P.M. – 4th Degree Meeting at Council 6269

September 18 @ 7:00 P.M. – Lady Knights Meeting

September 18 @ 7:00 P.M. – First Degree at Council 14549 in Arlington

September 22 – 9:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. – St. Jude Parish Festival

September 22/23 – After all Masses – Prolife Rosary sales

September 25 @ 7:00 P.M. – Council Planning Meeting at Parish Center

September 26 @ 7:00 P.M. – Western Metroplex Chapter Meeting at Bedford

September 29 @ 8:00 A.M. – Major Degree in Keller

September 29 @ 6:00 P.M. – Bishop's Prolife Dinner at DFW Hyatt Regency

September 29/30 – KNIGHTS CAN WEEKEND

September 30 – Pancake Breakfast

October 3 @ 6:30 P.M. – Prolife Rosary at St. Jude prior to Mass

October 6 @ 8:15 A.M. – Pray at Abortion Clinic

October 6 @ 6:30 P.M. – BINGO !

October 7 @ 7:45 A.M. – Corporate Communion

October 7 @ 1:00 P.M. – Cemetery Irrigation Installation

October 9 @ 7:00 P.M. – Monthly Business Meeting at Parish Center – Rosary at 6:30 P.M.

October 11 @ 12:00 P.M. – Diocesan CWO Conference Mass at St. Jude

October 12-14 – Mansfield Music Festival

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