



# The Knightly News



Knights of Columbus Marion Council 9522

Manchester Missouri

December 2015

## Grand Knight's Korner

Welcome to the first "Grand Knight's" Korner! I hope this finds everyone in good health and full of the Joy of Advent Season! We have changed the newsletter format a little to feature upcoming events on the front page so you can easily incorporate them into your personal calendar. Right up front, I would like to personally thank everyone who worked so hard on the Tootsie Roll Drive and the Golf Scramble which resulted in over \$23,000 going directly to 7 different non-profit agencies and projects at St. Joseph—thanks for making a difference in so many lives!

**Come Home to the Council for Christmas! :** Our council's **Christmas Party** will be on December 10<sup>th</sup>, a short meeting at 6:30, then dinner after, around 7. This is a great opportunity for you and your wife to celebrate and get reacquainted with your fellow brothers **RSVP to Dave Gockley** at 636-230-9189, or <mailto:bandsaw363@charter.net>. Also in December, on the 12 we have the **Sulphur Springs Clean up**, meet at the Parish office at 9AM (the time is such that you can also attend Mass before at 8 AM). Later that night is Felice Couers at St. Clare of Assisi. The setup starts around 6, the guests arrive at 7 PM. This month's theme is of course, Christmas, complete with a visit from Santa Claus. Our council's **Family Mass** follows on December 13<sup>th</sup> at the 9 AM Mass. After the Family Mass we will have a group breakfast at the American Legion.

After reveling in the Holy Days of December, we move on to January. **Felice Couers** is January 9<sup>th</sup> at St. Clare of Assisi, consider joining the party. On January 10<sup>th</sup> we will be helping with our Parish's **Giving Sunday**. At the Sunday Morning Masses, we will man the bins at the front of Church, and take the donated items to the cafeteria for sorting. The monthly **Soup Kitchen** is Monday the 11<sup>th</sup>, meet at the American Legion Hall to carpool at 7:30 AM. Our **Business Meeting** is on the 14<sup>th</sup> of January beginning at 7:30 PM. The annual **Bus for Life** to Washington DC is scheduled for January 21<sup>st</sup> it is \$160 per person, contact Vince Burkemper for more info. Rounding out January is the **Planning meeting** on January 28<sup>th</sup>.

Finally, just a reminder, our **Business meetings start promptly at 7:30 PM**. Congratulations to our new brother knights Tim Breheny and Billy Wright. Welcome to Marian Council. Hope to see you both at our Christmas Party.

YBIC  
Rob Libera, Grand Knight

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**Out of gratitude and love for him we should desire to be reckoned fools.**

**St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest**



# News

## Christmas Party

Come Home for Christmas! Our Christmas Party will be on December 10<sup>th</sup>, Please see the flyer in the back of this newsletter. If you haven't already, please let Dave Gockley know if you are coming.  
[bandsaw363@charter.net](mailto:bandsaw363@charter.net) Or 636-230-9189

## Felice Couers

Felice Couers will be on December 10<sup>th</sup>. This month's theme is Christmas. Santa will be there to delight the crowd. Setup begins at 6PM and the doors open at 7PM. If you have never attended one of these dances, it will open your eyes to the great joys the Knights, working together, can provide these adults with developmental disabilities. Come for an hour or stay all night. St. Clare of Asissi is located on Clayton road near Clarkson.



## Monthly Planning Meeting

The monthly planning meeting this month is on December 24<sup>th</sup>, (Parish Center Conference Room)



## Family Mass

Our Council has made a change to the Family Mass. Traditionally it has been on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of any month that had 5 Sundays. **Moving forward, it will be the second Sunday of the 4 quarter months (Mar, Jun, Sept, Dec) for the family mass. The time has changed to the 9 AM Mass.** The next Family mass will be **December 13<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM.** One reason for the change is that the American Legion has a monthly breakfast on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday. This will provide us with a place to go after church for some fellowship, and help them with their fund raiser. See you on the 13<sup>th</sup>!

## Breakfast

You are invited to join us for breakfast immediately following the Family Mass on December 13<sup>th</sup> at the American Legion Hall. The American Legion uses this as a fund raiser, it gives us an opportunity for both fraternity and patriotism, and just a good time!

## Soup Kitchen

Soup Kitchen is always the second and fifth Monday. This month volunteer to help those less fortunate than us on December 14<sup>th</sup>. The crew carpools from the American Legion Hall at 7 AM. Can you help? Containers are always needed, and can be brought to our meeting.

## Sulphur Springs Clean up

Our quarterly clean up of Sulphur Springs Road, and the Parish grounds is on December 12<sup>th</sup>, it begins at 9AM. There is also time to attend 8 AM Mass prior to the event. It is because we do this we have the sign at the bottom of Sulphur Springs promoting our council.



Congratulations to our new brother knights who took their 1st degree on the 1st of December: Tim Breheny and Billy Wright. Welcome to Marian Council. Hope to see you both at our Christmas Party.  
Rob Libera - GK



# *In the Spirit*

## **HOLIDAY JOY**

December in the Catholic Church is special, and it is no different here at St. Joe's! Whether it is the start of Advent, or the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on December 8<sup>th</sup> or Christmas and New Years at the end of the month, it promises to be a busy month.

One of the joys is that of pro-life. Since the Supreme Court legalized abortion, untold millions of children have been ripped from their mother's womb. The joy is not in abortion, but rather Mary's acceptance of her child. Think of it, here you had a young Jewish, unmarried woman who is pregnant. This baby would turn her life upside down. Would she be a good mother? Would the love of her life Joseph accept that this is a gift from God? Or quietly leave her? In 2015, would the temptation be to abort the baby that saved the world?

Another Joy is the Joy of Salvation. This month we remember the birth of our Saviour, Jesus. He was truly a gift from God, in fact he was God incarnate. We know that his life will end in execution at the hands of the Roman Government, but we also know that this baby, this part of the Holy Trinity of God, did change the world by conquering death and rising.

It is the principles that Jesus taught us, that helped this world develop. As men we are not perfect, so there were bumps along the way, but consider just one country, the United States. We were founded on Christian beliefs, our system of government was designed to keep power out of the hands of individuals and bestow it into an elected group. It was the United States that defended Europe in WWII, and asked for no land or riches. It was the United States who liberated Kuwait and Iraq, yet took no spoils. This is the joy of liberty.

Perhaps it is important as we go about our lives this month to remember that Jesus is the reason for the season. That the ultimate gift was not purchased at Macy's or Walmart, but freely given by God to his children. Any gifts we purchase this month will pale in comparison. But through those gifts, we can teach the joy of giving. It is not the gift, but rather the attitude of the giver. The giver expresses his or her love through the act of giving. It is an opportunity to create joy in the hearts of those we care most about.

It is also an opportunity to create joy for total strangers. Every year there are groups that do what they can to provide dignity to the poor. The Sisters at the soup kitchen we volunteer at. The Salvation Army. Groups that prepare Christmas dinner for the less fortunate. And that is joy that comes to our hearts, and grace that shines from God.

As we run through December, remember to take a minute to pray. Take a minute to realize the joy of the season. Happy Birthday Jesus, and Merry Christmas to all.



# Birthdays



WILLIAM	SCHAFFER	JR	Dec 01
JAMES	SCHUESSLER		Dec 01
FREDERICK	LUECKENOTTE		Dec 04
PATRICK	O'DRISCOLL		Dec 08
ROBERT	MC ALEXANDER		Dec 09
ROBERT	DEPELHEUER		Dec 11
WILLIAM	HAYES		Dec 12
GEORGE	LINDH		Dec 13
MICHAEL	STEINKE		Dec 14
JAMES	MOORE		Dec 20
DAVID	GOCKLEY		Dec 23
JON	CAMPBELL		Dec 27
MARK	HUSEMAN		Dec 27
MICHAEL	BICK		Dec 28
DIRK	KORCZAK		Dec 28
RICHARD	GLATZ		Dec 30



# Christmas Party



St. Joseph Cafeteria

Please R.S.V.P. by December 7th to  
David Gockley at  
bandsaw363@charter.net or  
call (636) 230-9189

By your last name, please indicate if you will  
bring a side dish, dessert or  
salad/vegetable.

A-I

J-P

Q-Z

Dessert

Salad/Veg

Side Dish

Join us for a

*Christmas*  
Dinner Party

THURSDAY  
DECEMBER 10TH  
SHORT MEETING AT 6:30PM

BEFORE DINNER,  
DINNER AT 7:00PM

Hosted by the

*KNIGHTS OF  
COLUMBUS*

Marian Council 9522

Please RSVP as soon as possible (Email Dave Gockley at [bandsaw363@charter.net](mailto:bandsaw363@charter.net) or call him at 636-230-9189. And bring your favorite dessert, salad or side dish. Look at the list above to find out which one.

# ***Felice Cuores Party Time***

*A party for adults, age 18 and older, who are physically handicapped or are developmentally disabled.*

***St. Clare of Assisi School Cafeteria***

***15642 Clayton Road***

***Ellisville, MO 63011***

*3 ½ miles West of Hwy 141; ½ mile East of Clarkson*

*7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.*

*\$5.00 includes SounSational DJ/snacks/soda/door prizes  
(refreshments served from 7:20 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.)*

***2015***

*September 12, October 10, November 14, December 12*

*September—Welcome Back*

*October – Halloween Party – wear your costume*

*November --Thanksgiving*

*December – Christmas Party with Santa*

***2016***

*January 9, February 6, March 12, April 9, May 14*

*January – Welcome in the New Year*

*February – Valentine Party*

*March – Celebrate the Cardinals--wear Cardinal Red*

*April – Hawaiian Luau*

*May – Patriotic Celebration — wear your red, white, & blue*

*For additional information call  
Bill or Jan Lukas (636) 537-9801  
Gerry Villaire (636) 391-1620*

*Sponsored and chaperoned by the Knights of Columbus & Ladies  
Auxiliaries in West St. Louis County in cooperation with St. Clare of  
Assisi parish*

**In the event of inclement weather, call: 636-537-9801 or 636-226-6822 or 636-391-1620 or 314-570-5261 for cancellation information. DO NOT CALL THE CHURCH RECTORY.**



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successfully protecting families since 1882, and our outlook remains bright. Don't just take our word for it. There is no more highly rated insurer in North America

than the Knights of Columbus. A.M. Best has bestowed on us their highest rating (A++, Superior) for 37 consecutive years.

Remember, in 2012, the Knights of Columbus gave more than \$155 million to Catholic and other charitable causes. In these uncertain times, find comfort in an organization that leads the way in doing good for others while doing good for our own.

- We are secure

Since 1882, we have been committed to protecting the financial futures of our Knights and their families. We do this by paying claims and dividends to our insured

members. In 2012, we paid well over \$487 million in death claims and other benefits,

and more than \$349 million in dividends to our policyholders. Even more impressive

is the fact that in the past decade, the Knights of Columbus paid more than \$3.4 billion in dividends to insured members.

- We are stable

Prudent leadership and management has led to the rapid growth of our assets, providing an adequate foundation for our member's protection, and securing our obligations to our insured and their beneficiaries. Also, because we are a fraternal benefit society, we have no stockholders. Our owners are our members and we return our good fortune in the form of dividends to our policyholders.

And we have a local agent, Jim O'Connell. Jim would be happy to sit down with you

and look at options, based on your need. You can contact Jim by phone at (314)774-1320 or send him an email at : [JAMES.OCONNELL@KOFC.ORG](mailto:JAMES.OCONNELL@KOFC.ORG)