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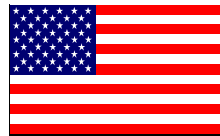
FAMILY OF THE QUARTER

Joost and Helen Sluis



FRIDAY JULY 4: FOURTH OF JULY PARADE:

Every knight and his family should participate. The council truck "float" is used to hand out candy to parade goers. The fourth degree provides a color guard. Dress at the VFW at 9:00 AM.



The parade starts at 10:00 AM. See the article page 2

MONDAY JULY 7: ASSEMBLY MEETING AND PATRIOTIC ROSARY:

The Assembly meeting will start with a patriotic rosary to pray for religious freedom at 7:30 PM. . Come pray with the knights! Everyone is welcome—come with your family and enjoy a steak at the steak fry starting at 5:30 PM. See page 4.



TUESDAY JULY 8: COUNCIL MEETING:

In the Parish Hall 7:00 PM.

FRIDAY JULY 11: FACE THE TRUTH::

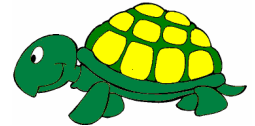
Come to Joliet and Plainfield to educate the public about the truth of abortion. See the article on page 7.



FRIDAY JULY 18 THROUGH SUNDAY JULY 20: TURTLE RACE TICKET SALES:

Our annual effort by all members to sell tickets for the great Turtle Race! This is

of our main fund raisers. Everyone, knights and families, is needed for this. Article on page 3.



SUNDAY JULY 20: FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL

A great new event: The Marian Procession starts at 11:30, followed by a great Italian party! See the article on Page 3 and the flyer on page 6.

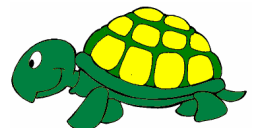


TUESDAY JULY 22: OFFICER MEETING:

In the Parish Hall at 7:00 PM.

SATURDAY JULY 26: THE GREAT TURTLE RACE:

The turtles race at 1 PM in Marley Creek near 191st Street. See the article on page 3



SATURDAY JULY 26: DISTRICT DEPUTY MEETING:

A meeting for Grand Knights and senior officers with their District Deputies. This is a closed meeting in the church hall from 7:00 to 10:00 AM.

SUNDAY JULY 27: DEADLINE FOR BUYING SLAMMERS GAME TICKETS:

See the flyer on the back page. The game is at 7:05 PM August 1. Great fireworks, too!!



THE FOURTH OF JULY PARADE

The Mokena parade is famous throughout the south-land of Chicago. This year, it will be even more important since many citizens are expected to attend to honor the memory of PFC Aaron Toppen , the Mokena soldier who was recently killed in Afghanistan in a friendly fire bombing.



The Fourth Degree color guard will participate and lead the parade as usual, proudly displaying the American Flag, the Papal Flag and the flags of our order. All Fourth Degree knights with regalia should participate. Behind the color guard will come our council members and their families, walking behind a pickup truck filled with candy and passing the sweet stuff out to the kids along the parade route. Come with your wife and kids to participate in this great annual event. Wear a Knights of Columbus ball cap and/or shirt to let everyone know of your patriotism and dedication to the principles of our order. The color guard will dress at the VFW starting at 9:00 AM. The parade starts on La Porte Road at the end of Mokena Street (at the park) at 10:00 AM. See you there.

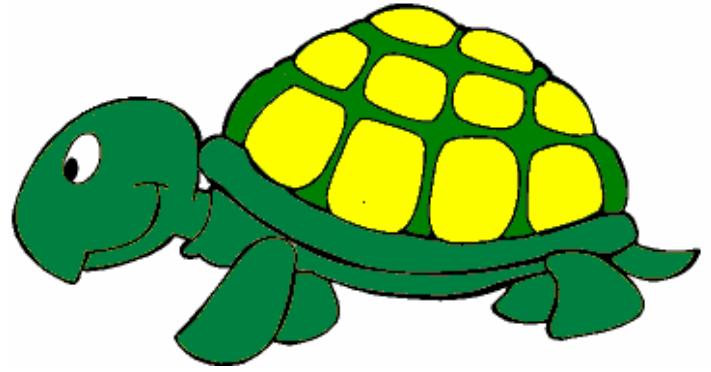
Council Officers for 2014–2015

The Council election in June reelected all the senior officers of the council. New volunteers for duty as council officers took over as guards and as Three year Trustee. The officers for the coming year are:

Grand Knight:	Richard Ciancio	Inside Guard:	Frank Borich
Deputy GK:	Donald Zich	Inside Guard:	Jeff Ryba
Chancellor:	Cliff Peloquin	Outside Guard:	Tom Morrison
Advocate:	Barry Cullum	Outside Guard:	Joe Figliulo
Recorder:	Mike Baker	3 Year Trustee:	Tom Lulinski
Treasurer:	Tim Cosgrove	2 Year Trustee:	Don Bauc
Warden:	Vince DiFiore	1 Year Trustee:	Al Sparks

Vivat Jesus

THE TURTLE RACE



Our annual TURTLE RACE is planned and ready to go. The tickets are in hand and the council's thoroughbred racing turtles are fully trained and ready. We now need YOU to help sell the tickets at Dunkin Donuts on and other locations on Friday, Saturday and Sunday July 18 through 20. On July 20 we will also be selling the tickets at the "Festa Italiana". Contact Mark Welch to help at (708) 479 4763. Selling tickets for the turtle race can be a lot of fun for a family.

The TURTLE RACE has up to 1,000 inflatable turtles floating down Marley Creek. A numbered turtle that matches the number of each ticket is entered into the race. If 650 tickets are sold then 650 turtles are in the creek, etc. The first turtle to finish pays \$500 to the holder of the matching numbered ticket. Second place pays \$200 and third place \$100. Fourth through seventh place pay \$50 and 8th through 10th pay \$25. The race is at 1 PM, July 26 and the finish line is the foot bridge at about 11500 W. 191st Street (Go past the Creamery west on 191st Street)

Volunteers are needed to set up for the race starting at 10 AM on Saturday July 26. Contact Mark if you can help or just show up. During the race, volunteers dump the turtles into the creek behind the Mokena water treatment plant and some then follow the racing turtles as "herders" to dislodge any that get stuck on a branch. At the finish line more volunteers catch the turtles for next year's race. It is a lot of fun with teenagers often helping as "herders" and "catchers". Come and join in!

The Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

Some Chicago parishes have celebrated the feast day of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, patroness of the Carmelite Order, for many years. This year, the feast comes to Mokena!

The Procession

The feast will start with a procession from St Mary Cemetery, through town, to the festival on Front Street. A statue of Our Lady will lead the procession behind the Fourth Degree honor guard. A tram will carry those who have difficulty walking and every one else will follow behind, saying the rosary of Our Lady. Classic Italian music will be heard from the tram The Procession will leave St Mary Cemetery at 11:30 AM on July 20. and will travel east from the cemetery, south on Division Street and then west on Front Street. Come and take part in this wonderful event!



The Party

The "Festa Italiana" starts when the procession reaches the party tent on Front Street. Our Council has linked up with the Front Street Merchants and the Lions Club to use the tent that was put up for the annual Firecracker Dance the day before the Festa. We will man the beer concession to raise funds for the Council. The CCW will raise money selling hot dogs. Commercial vendors will pay to sell Italian food and drink. It promises to be a really great party with Italian singers, great dance music and fun. Plan to come! The party will end at about 9 PM. This is a family party with fun for everyone. Admission and food prices will be reasonable. See the flyer on Page 6.

Oh yes, we will sell Turtle Race tickets, too.

EXPLANATION

As a retired project manager, I look at construction projects differently than most others. My image of a construction project looks at limits on cost overruns and changes during construction as well as design. It was with this perspective that I wrote in May about the construction projects guided by Father Jim Dvorscak at St Mary.

One of our brothers was offended that I described the project to build a new gymnasium, offices and classrooms as “huge and badly designed”. I offer the following explanation:

The project that Father Jim was “handed” when he was sent to St Mary had some serious flaws. It had been approved by the Diocese but needed significant and costly changes. It was found that the original design used rooftop air conditioning units that had to be removed and replaced with units mounted inside the building. A new basement was added to the building at a cost of \$400,000 and the architectural, mechanical and electrical designs had to be redone to accommodate the change. The building’s design was also not legal under federal disability laws and had to be extensively modified again to add three elevators for access by the disabled. Other lesser changes rounded out the picture.

Change orders are a significant source of income for architects, engineers and contractors. When a change is made, a partial credit is returned for previous planning and material already purchased or ordered. A premium is usually charged for new blueprints and rush orders for new materials, and so on. The changes made to the St Mary project added millions to the final cost. In fact, when the project was finished, the Parish had no money or credit left for furniture, which caused the “Columbian Club” to present Father Jim with a check for \$5,000.

I have no quarrel with those who managed the construction effort for our parish. Their work is not under discussion here and was not an issue. If some of those in charge of the project for St Mary Parish feel offended, I hope this article explains my perspective and I apologize for hurt feelings.

Joost Sluis

PATRIOTIC ROSARY

Many of us have seen the movie “For Greater Glory” about the uprising by Catholics in Mexico when the socialist government there banned public expressions of Christianity and shot the priests and faithful who resisted. The current government of the United States is engaged in a similar attack on our faith. The American Bishops have declared a “Fortnight for Freedom” to pray and speak out in defense of our religious freedom.



On July 7 the Joliet Assembly will host a “Patriotic Rosary” to pray for our nation. It will consist of singing patriotic songs together, readings of patriotic utterances by American patriots and praying the rosary together. The rosary service starts at 7:30 PM. All Catholics are invited to attend whether knights or not. Families are very welcome. The meeting will be at the council hall of Knights of Columbus 4400 on East Cass Street in Joliet. To find the hall, go west on US 30 from New Lenox and turn right on the first driveway you see after passing under the railroad viaduct as you enter the city of Joliet.

The Joliet Assembly hosts a steak fry at every meeting during good weather. For \$8 you get a good steak, vegetables and a baked potato, a salad, bread and mushrooms. You have to cook your own steak on the large charcoal grill. The steak fry starts at 5:30 PM and all are welcome to join the knights in their dinner.

This is the third year that the Joliet Assembly has hosted the Patriotic Rosary. This year more bad news has come to the Church from our anti Christian government. It is becoming more and more important that we publicly express our Faith in prayer and witness. Do your part! Pray at restaurants openly. Join religious processions whenever you can. Demonstrate publicly to defend the truths of the Catholic Church. Donate to Catholic organizations that defend the Faith!

See you at the Patriotic Rosary!

Are you moved by this reading?

DESIDERATA

GO PLACIDLY AMID THE NOISE & HASTE.
& REMEMBER WHAT PEACE THERE
MAY BE IN SILENCE. AS FAR AS
POSSIBLE WITHOUT SURRENDER BE

on good terms with all persons. Speak your truth quietly & clearly; and listen to others, even the dull and ignorant; they too have their story. ■ Avoid loud & aggressive persons. they are vexations to the spirit. If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain & bitter; for always there will be greater & lesser persons than yourself. Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans ■ Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time. Exercise caution in your business affairs; for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals; and everywhere life is full of heroism. ■ Be yourself. Especially, do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love; for in the face of all aridity & disenchantment it is perennial as the grass ■ Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth. Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue & loneliness. Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself. ■ You are a child of the universe, no less than the trees & the stars; you have a right to be here. And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should. ■ Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be, and whatever your labors & aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life keep peace with your soul ■ With all its sham, drudgery & broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be careful. Strive to be happy. ■ ■

FOUND IN OLD SAINT PAUL'S CHURCH:
DATED 1692



FESTA



ITALIANA

The traditional "Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel"

A taste of Italy in Mokena



SUNDAY JULY 20, 2014

FRONT STREET (FESTIVAL TENT)



Wine by Little Al's

11:30 AM

**TRADITIONAL RELIGIOUS PROCESSION
FROM ST MARY CEMETERY**

12:00 NOON

**ECUMENICAL RELIGIOUS SERVICE
EXPLANATION OF THE "FEAST"**

1:00—9:00 PM

**ITALIAN FOOD, DRINKS, DANCING,
ACTIVITIES FOR THE KIDS
(families are welcome in the tent)**



CCW Hot dogs

Aurelio's pasta and meat balls

ENTERTAINMENT:

**Ashleigh Ashton, Franco Martorana,
DJ Joe Zirconia, Lisa Kristina,
Iron Skillet Blue Grass Band
Dave Molinari's "Fab tones" dance band**



ADMISSION:

ADULTS \$6.00 CHILDREN 6 to 14 \$2.00

KIDS 5 AND UNDER FREE

All food and drink reasonably priced



Beer, pop, water

Italian sausage

Italian Beef



Sweet Company Gelato
Espresso and coffee



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Heartland
Italian
desserts

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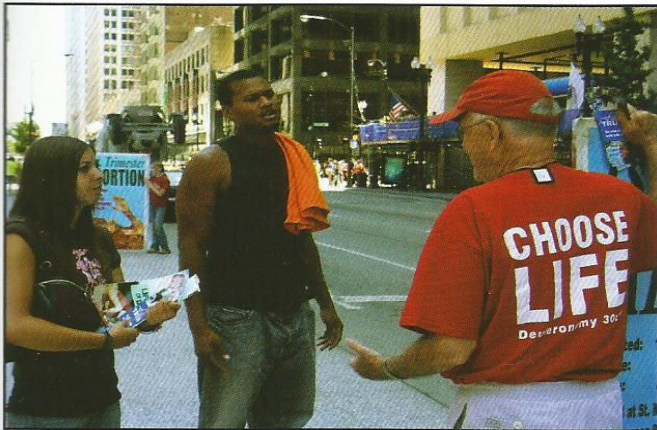
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Face the TRUTH

2014

July 11-19



We Need Your Help To Save Babies

THIS SUMMER THE PRO-LIFE Action League will sponsor the 2014 Chicago Area Face the Truth Tour from Friday, July 11th through Saturday, July 19th. Participants will visit sites throughout the Chicago area, holding pictures of beautiful unborn babies and huge signs depicting the victims of abortion.

We need you to help show people that abortion is the deliberate taking of an unborn child's life. If you believe that abortion is murder, this is your chance to stand up and be counted. Join us this summer as we line the roads at major intersections to show our fellow Americans the ugly truth about abortion.

Go Forth and Teach

JESUS TOLD HIS FOLLOWERS to "go forth and teach." Face the Truth responds to this Gospel call by teaching the truth about abortion. The truth is that abortion kills innocent human beings made in the image and likeness of God. That is why we must take the pro-life message to the streets of our cities.

We are living in the midst of a national atrocity. Since the 1973 Supreme Court abortion decisions, over 50 million children have been destroyed before they were born. Our signs depicting prenatal life and the aborted child reveal the hidden victims of this atrocity.

While the signs are displayed along the roadways, other volunteers distribute literature to passing motorists and pedestrians to help them understand the gravity of the Culture of Death.

ABORTION IS MURDER

Join Christians from all around Joliet to demonstrate the truth about abortion. Demonstrations on Friday July 11 will be as follows:

9:00 until 10:30—Corner of Jefferson and Larkin

11:30 until 1:00—Route 59 and Black Road

3:00 until 4:30—Route 59 and Caton Farm Rd.

Lunch will be provided at St Mary Immaculate Church in Plainfield.

Pictures Expose Lies

PHOTOGRAPHS AND FILMS OF human beings stacked like cordwood outside Nazi concentration camps exposed the murderous truth of Nazi genocide. Disturbing as these images are, we all recognize the value of squarely facing the truth of the Holocaust.

Similarly, our pictures of abortion victims lay bare the blatant lies and hypocrisy used by the abortionists to conceal the wholesale slaughter of unborn babies. Photos of these aborted children rip off the mask of "choice." The truth hurts, but the lie hurts so much more. Once people have faced the truth, they are less likely to become involved in abortion.

A Graphic Reminder

WHEN JESUS CHRIST DIED for us, it was in a very graphic way: a public crucifixion. His body—twisted, disfigured and covered with blood—hung on a cross for three hours in full public view. He said that He had to be lifted up in order to show His love for us and to show us the seriousness of sin.

Likewise, our pictures graphically portray the reality of abortion in the public square, and show the seriousness of taking the life of an unborn child.

The Tragedy of the Culture of Death

ONE OF THE TRAGEDIES of abortion is that innocent children cannot be sheltered from the truth that one-third of their brothers and sisters, classmates and friends have been aborted. We use large warning signs to help parents shield their children from our pictures, but the only way to really protect our children is to stamp out the Culture of Death. We invite all concerned parents to join us in restoring a Culture of Life.

Awaken the Nation

NATIONWIDE, FACE THE TRUTH Tours are showing Americans the hidden slaughter of their unborn children. If people are troubled by these pictures, they should take a stand against the killing the pictures expose.

We need your help to make our neighbors face the truth. Join us!

GREAT BASEBALL!!



JOIN THE COUNCIL AT
SILVER CROSS FIELD IN
JOLIET FOR A BALL GAME

THE JOLIET SLAMMERS VS
THE SAUGET, IL (ST LOUIS)
GREYS



A BETTER WAY TO GO TO THE
BALL PARK!

Note: Children 3 and under are free

A SKY BOX WITH 1 1/2 HRS
FOOD SERVICE!



Friday August 1st, game time 7:05 PM
Great fireworks after the game!

Only fifty seats are available. No reservations after the first fifty are sold. You must buy the ticket before July 27!

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TOWN: _____ TELEPHONE: _____

tickets @ \$40.00 each: _____ Amount remitted: _____

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