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Ash Wednesday

March 5

Lenten Meals Start March 7



March Business Meeting Moved to March 12 Because of Ash Wednesday

Grand Knight's Report — Called to be Saints

St. Luke, beloved physician, we ask that throughout this Lenten season you intercede for us so that through God's grace we may be healed of wounds that keep us away from Jesus Christ.



Lent is upon us. At a recent homily from Father Pat he mentioned how bad it is for someone to keep us away from God. Sometimes people want to use the fear of God to keep us away from our loving God. Sometimes though, it is our own fear that causes us to push away from God. We know we've hurt someone else or just not loved how we should. So we ourselves, like Cain after killing his brother, hide from God.

One of many great aspects of our faith is that God is always willing to take us back; to forgive our weaknesses. One instrument to draw closer to God is the sacrament of reconciliation. At St. Catherine confessions are heard 3:30 to 4:30 pm on Saturdays, and 6:00 to 6:45 pm on Tuesdays. You could also go to another parish, if you wish.

For those who have not recently availed themselves of this sacrament, here's a short how to. Pray for the Holy Spirit for self-knowledge and trust in God's mercy. Then perform an examination of conscience. A way to do this is to look at the 10 Commandments and things that we may have done or not done that goes against the commandments.

Go to the priest in the confessional either face to face or behind the screen and begin with the Sign of the Cross. The priest will welcome you and pray for you to which you answer, Amen. Then say, Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. It has been ___ weeks, months or years since my last confession. Confess all of your sins openly and candidly. We've all heard priests say that they've heard every sin in the book. So your sins will not surprise a priest. Then listen to the priest for counsel and he will assign you a penance. Pray the Act of Contrition: O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended you, and I detest all my sins because of your just punishments, but most of all because they offend you, my God, who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of your grace, to sin no more and to avoid the near occasions of sin. Complete the penance assigned to you by the priest. Celebrate because you've drawn a little closer to God.

Our council is going to adopt a Mondays during Lent to participate in 40 Days for Life. Please read how you can help by reading the article about 40 Days for Life in this newsletter.

Keep in mind that those who wish to further their journey into Knighthood should become a Fourth Degree member of the order. There will be an admission meeting at St. Ignatius Catholic Church on March 3. The meeting is similar to our new member information meetings where interested gentlemen learn more about the Fourth Degree. Talk to a Fourth Degree Knight if you want to advance to the Fourth Degree.

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Birthdays

CHRIS	ANNONI
FAUSTIN	BAHIZI
JESSE	CASAREZ
CARL	DISHER
KEITH	DUNGER
DOUGLAS	FRANKLIN
ARMAND	GAGNON
DAVID	GUZMAN
ANTHONY	HANSON
RUBEN	HERNANDEZ Jr
NICHOLAS	HOTZ
MATTHEW	IKARD
DANIEL	JASINSKI
CRISTON	KLOTZ
MICHAEL	LAMM
MICAH	LAWRENCE
VIDAL	MALDONADO
MICHAEL	MARCHAN
ARTURO	MARTINEZ
JULIO	MORENO
STEPHEN	MURAS
KENNETH	OTTE Sr
ALBERT	PINA
MASILAMANI	RAJAMANICKAM
ANDREW	SANCHEZ
BRIAN	SCHAEFER
BENJAMIN	SCHMID
BARRY	SCHNEIDER
RAYMOND	TOUNGATE II
THOMAS	WALSCHLAGER

Insurance Agent Report - Eddie Mazurek FICF LUTCF

Recently one of my members passed away unexpectedly. After the death certificates came in, I went to the widows house to fill out the death claim form for his insurance policies. While this can be done in about 15 minutes, it took me a little over 2 hours to finish. It is not that I was trying to write neatly and took my time (for those of you who have seen my handwriting, you know that is almost impossible). No it was because we talked about a great many things. Some had to do with the benefits, but mostly we just talked. This person was taken from us very quickly and the family didn't have time to say good bye.

As I sat there listening, I realized one more thing that separates us from the commercial companies. Personal service. When I first started working for the K of C, most companies still had that personal service. They would send an agent to the house to fill out claim forms etc. This is not so today. Most companies will mail you a claim form when there is a death of a policyholder. We still believe in the personal service. We feel it is just as important to come to your house to fill out claim forms as it is to come to the house to talk to you about our insurance program. Most companies ask that you come to their office to discuss insurance, at THEIR convenience! We come to your house at YOUR convenience.

Sometimes death can provide something positive. In this case, although very sad, it taught me that we really do have a great organization and it gets me wondering why all of our members are not insurance members. If you were to pass away suddenly, wouldn't you want someone there to help your family get through that very difficult time?

Perhaps now is the best time to call me so we can get together at your convenience and discuss your family's financial future. Remember, no obligation, just information.

Hope to hear from you soon.

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Lenten Meals Start March 7

Join us Friday Evenings to help prepare and/or serve Lenten Meals to the Parish before Stations of the Cross during Lent. We have needs starting as early as 3pm for setup and food preparation, Serving from 5 to 7 and cleanup that follows. Just show up when you have time available.

Stations of the Cross are at 7pm and there is a Mass at 7:30, another option for you.

See you there,

Greg and Stephanie Nelson

4th Degree Exemplification — Last Chance for Austin

The Exemplification to become a 4th Degree Knight will occur on March 22, 2014 at St. John Neumann Church in Austin. This is the first Exemplification in Austin in over 10 years, don't miss it.

5 Steps to 4th Degree

1. Fill out a Form 4 (available from Randy or Paul)
2. Attend the 4th Degree Admissions Meeting March 3 at St. Ignatius
3. Turn In Form 4 & \$70 at the admissions meeting (this covers the cost of the Banquet for yourself)
4. You will need a standard Black Tuxedo and plain black shoes. A 100% wool Tuxedo (recommended) is \$230 at Mikes Formal Wear: www.mikesformalwear.com or (512)385-1889.
5. Attend the Exemplification Ceremony on March 22, 2014

Complete details including the Tri-Fold is available at : www.kofc1099.org

Knight and Family of the Month for February

Knight— Dirk Vanderploeg

The February 2014 Knight of the Month for Council 8156 is Dirk Vanderploeg. A new member of the Knights of Columbus, he joined on January 8, 2014. Even before becoming a Knight Dirk brought to Council 8156 a need within our parish. A widow known to us as Barbara, was in need of help repairing on her home. Dirk, a member of St. Catherine's, not yet a Knight, made contact with the Council to find out if we could help. Since then Dirk and members of Council 8156 have volunteered many hours helping Barbara change her home to a more livable place.

For his efforts in stepping up and getting help for her he has demonstrated the Knight's motto, "Service to one, Service to all" Dirk is Council 8156's Knight of the Month. Dirk you have set a standard for the rest of us to meet

Family— Steve & Bernadette Muras

Stephen and Bernadette Muras are the Family of the Month for February 2014. They are both active in various services with the parish. A member of the Council since May 1972, he assists with the Council's Monthly BBQ. Steve often is found preparing breakfast for the cooking crew and later helping with sales in the courtyard.

Steve and Bernadette are active in the Pro-Life Ministry; he is a Day Captain in the 40 Days for Life Program. He is working on encouraging members of the Council to participate in the spring 40 Days for Life Prayer Campaign. Steve has worked on house repairs as a result of flooding in Austin last fall. He has also joined the newest parish activity, The Holy Mackerels, a Toastmasters activity.

Bernadette is a member of the 8:30 Mass Choir and the Council Auxiliary.

Their commitment as a Knight Family has gained them recognition as Council 8156's Family of the Month.

Grand Knight — Continued

To mention quickly, please pay your dues, if you have not done so. Please ask a gentleman to consider joining the Knights of Columbus. Please become EIM compliant.

May your Lent be a meaningful season of preparation for the passion and resurrection of Christ, our Savior.

Brothers , thank you for all you do for our Church, council and each other. Keep striving to be saints by your faith and action!

Vivat Jesus!

Gerardo (Jerry) Guajardo

Pro-Life 40 Days for Life

2014 Stand and Pray Campaign

The 40 Days for Life Stand and Pray campaign is spearheaded by Heather Gardner, Executive Director of Central Texas Coalition. The primary goal of the Central Texas Coalition for Life is to put an end to abortion in Central Texas.

The Stand and Pray campaign is not a “protest” or “demonstration”. We do not go to the sidewalks near the facilities to yell at anyone or to try to shame anyone. If you decide to participate, you will be required to sign a “Statement of Peace” in which you promise to refrain from such activities while you are at the abortion facility.

The Spring 2014 Stand and Pray campaign begins at 7:00 A.M. on Ash Wednesday (March 5th) and continues to Palm Sunday, April 13th 7:00 P.M. Prior to the beginning of the Stand and Pray campaign, a three-hour training session will be held at a local church. . Brother Knights of our council will pray for one hour from 7:00 A.M to 7:00 P.M. each Monday (March 10th; March 17th, March 24th, March 31st, and April 7th). Wives and children are welcome to participate as well.

If your schedule does not allow you to participate on Mondays, please prayerfully consider participating on another day of the week. You can sign up for a different day of the week by going to the 40 Days website under the heading “Stand and Pray”.

During one of his recent sermons, in speaking about abortion, Father Pat told us we sometimes take a “hands-off” approach toward the issue of abortion. We want Congress or someone else to work on this problem while we sit on the sidelines. Let’s get off the sidelines and onto the playing field and do our part to end abortion!

Sometimes, our presence on the sidewalk is enough to get a woman to change her mind and choose to keep her baby or give it up for adoption rather than aborting the baby.

The 40 Days for Life website address is <http://www.centraltexascoalition.com/>.

“The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing.”

-Edmund Burke

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Knights are Catholic men, 18 years of age and older, who are committed to making their community a better place, while supporting their Church. Being a Knight is more than camaraderie; it is being involved with your community; it is supporting your local Catholic Church, while enhancing your own faith; it is about protecting and enhancing your family life. Come see just what we are all about by calling the Grand Knight.

From the Editor

Submit articles for the April Newsletter by March 21

<u>Future Cutoffs</u>	<u>For Newsletter Dated</u>
April 25	May 2014
May 23	June 2014
June 20	July 2014
July 25	August 2014

Important Dates for March

Wed Mar 5	All Day	Ash Wednesday
Fri Mar 7	3:00 PM – 7:30 PM	Lenten Meal
Sun Mar 9	1:59AM - 3:00AM	Begin Daylight Savings Time
Wed Mar 12	6:30 PM – 7:00 PM	KOC Mass
	7:00 PM – 8:30 PM	KOC Business Meeting
Fri Mar 14	12:30-2:00PM	BBQ Prep
	3:00 PM – 7:30 PM	Lenten Meal
Sat Mar 15	7:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Diocese of Austin Vigil for Life
Hosted by St Paul Parish (10000 David Moore Dr. & Austin Women's Health 1902 S. IH-35)		
Sun Mar 16	4:00 AM-2:00 PM	BBQ & Membership Blitz
	7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Member Info Meeting
Wed Mar 19	7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Planning Meeting
Fri Mar 21	5:30 PM – 7:30 PM	Lenten Meal – Johnson Hall
Sat Mar 22	8:00 AM -7:00 PM	4th Degree Exemplification
Sun Mar 23	8:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Corporate Communion
Tue Mar 25	Biblical Village	St Catherine of Siena
Wed Mar 26	Biblical Village	St Catherine of Siena
	6:30 PM – 9:00 PM	1st Degree
Fri Mar 28	3:00 PM – 7:30 PM	Lenten Meal



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