# COUNCIL 1221 NEWS

The latest news for members & friends of the Knights of Columbus Council #1221





# **Grand Knight's Remarks**

Brother Knights,

Many good things are happening at the Council and more are planned. Thanks to all who were able to help and those who participated in our August 5 Fish Fry . On August 29th, we presented the National MS Society with a check for \$3,360.00 which were the proceeds from the Fish Fry. It was a fantastic effort of our Knights/friends to prepare and serve the food as well as all of our patrons who came out to support the cause.

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Our Golf Outing was held on August 13th and we had a good showing of golfers and great weather to play. As a result, we will present the Gibault School in Terre Haute with a check for \$2,500.00 on September 10th. Greg Brodhefrer is our new District Deputy and he will hand-deliver the check at his first meeting at Gibault School.

More good news as Robert M. Davis (a long time Cardinal Ritter #1221 Brother Knight) is our newly certified insurance representative of the K of C Insurance Group. Rob can be reached at (502) 777-8533 or Robert. Davis@KofC.org. We have waited a long time for a local Knight to become a KofC agent.

Several Knights attended the Catalyst Catholic Gala at Huber's and had an opportunity to meet their Staff and the Youth Ministers of the Diocese. Brother Knight Ben Gillette from the Jeffersonville Council gave an excellent presentation to the group and we are planning on next year's Theology on Tap series.

Looking forward to Fall Fest on September 30 and October 1 here at the Council. Fish Fry on Friday night and chicken and dumplings on Saturday. Harvest Homecoming coming soon and we will be sending out Sigh-Up Genius to ask for help with these events.

Think about your Halloween Costume as we are having a Halloween Dance on October 29th (over 21) with great music and dancing. We are raising funds for Gibault School.

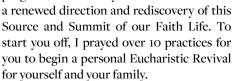
Thanks to everyone who helps or patronizes our events.

We are His hands and feet.

Vivat Jesus! Tom Waters GK

# **Chaplain's Encouragement**

You may, or may not, have heard about the Eucharistic Revival put forth by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. This three-year initiative is meant to renew belief, practice, and devotion to Jesus Christ truly present in the Eucharist within each of us and the Church. This is not a three-year program, but a three-year launch of



10 PERSONAL PRACTICES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

- Pray for an increase in devotion, belief, fervor, and hunger for Jesus Christ truly, really, sacramentally present in the Eucharist. The heart of this Eucharistic Revival is a personal encounter with Christ who calls us from within the Church.
- 2. Go to Sunday Mass with your whole family. Lead your wife, your children,



(and grandchildren) to a Eucharistic Encounter with Jesus Christ. Embrace your authentic fatherly role to lead your family in True Worship of God as God asked to be Worshiped.

3. Arrive 10 to 15 minutes early before Mass to pray and prepare yourself for the Eucharistic Encounter. You might pre-read the

Mass readings to prepare the soil of your soul to receive the Living Word in the Mass. What do these readings say to you for your daily life? If you were asked, what might you say about these readings to others? Do you see in the readings the themes of feeding and being fed by God for an abundant life?

4. When the Eucharistic Host and Chalice are elevated during the Eucharistic Prayer, bow your head in reverence, and pray the words of St Thomas, "My Lord and my God!" Outward expressions shape interior dispositions; just as interior thoughts give meaning to outward expressions. We must know, love, and serve the Lord in thought, word, and deed.

- 5. Remain with Christ in thanksgiving for 3-5 minutes after the Mass. Jesus Christ remains in you in a particular and profound way in the Eucharist within your own body just after receiving Holy Communion. You are never as close to Christ as when He is with you in the Eucharist. Make known your joys, your struggles, your gratitude, your needs to Him.
- Make a Good Confession so as to be able to receive the Blessed Sacrament in the State of Grace. If you are not in the State of Grace, refrain from receiving the Eucharist, even when you are Mass until you make use of the Sacrament of Confession. While Catholics are expected to attend the Holy Sacrifice of Mass each Sunday, we are not bound or expected to receive the Eucharist each Sunday. In fact, it is more holy to refrain if we are knowledgeable that we are not in the State of Grace and thereby prevent a sacrilege of receiving unworthy, than to receive in the state of grave sin. Intentionally receiving when properly prepared and disposed, will, in fact, increase your intimate union and communion with Christ by removing those barriers that sin makes present within us and raises our awareness and intentionality of so great an encounter.
- 7. Make time to spend in adoration monthly, if not weekly. Numerous parishes in the New Albany Deanery offer times of formal Adoration throughout the week. And even if not Exposed in the Monstrance, prayer before Christ in the Tabernacle will change you.
- 8. Pray for the priest who gave you your First Holy Communion. As an adult, have you ever paused to think of the tremendous gift he first provided you. Then, pray for the priest making possible the Holy Communion you will receive this coming Sunday. Priests need prayers. They are confronted by the ordinary trials and temptations of life like any person, and so priests, like all people, need prayers. But priests, like you fathers of your own family, are pri-

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We are here to serve you!

# **One Holy Catholic Family!**

One of our opportunities as fellow knights is to help strengthen our families. Whether your family is young and growing, your family has moved on into the empty nest phase, or your family has become those closest to you and may not be "blood related," we still can strengthen those very important core relationships. We can pray together as a parish family, a nuclear family, or as a family of Catholics. Our society wishes to diminish the need to be anything but a strong individual! We are called to battle societal pressures and integrate into our daily lives an active relationship with those Jesus teaches us are our family. We are challenged by our savior to love our neighbor. To love our neighbor is to actively engage and pray for those we may not even know. I ask that you take time daily to engage in this "October Challenge." Pray the prayer below with your current family, share this prayer with those who may not feel connected to family, and love thy neighbor as if they ARE family.

> May God be your guide! Matt Lincoln

# OCTOBER MONTHLY FAMILY CHALLENGE!

Families today face many struggles, both through cultural pressure and through the personal struggles that accompany family life. Despite these struggles — and partly as a result of conquering them — families have great capacity for love and joy, a joy that is strengthened through the peace and truth found in Christ. To assist families in living out this joy of Christ, Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori has composed a prayer through which families may come together to consecrate themselves under the protection of the Holy Family. We invite every family of our parish to engage in the Consecration to the Holy Family.

## How to Prepare:

The word consecration literally means "association with the sacred", and as such it requires a much larger commitment than simply reciting a prayer off of a card. To receive the full benefit of intercession from

the Holy Family, one must cleanse the body, mind and soul. The decision to consecrate your family needs to be intentional and a process through which you completely surrender to God through the Holy Family. You are accepting the truth that salvation history was changed forever by a family, and that through your domestic church, you are called to live their example.

# Pray this daily as a Family:

O Lord Jesus, you lived in the home of Mary and Joseph in Nazareth. There you grew in age, wisdom and grace as you prepared to fulfill your mission as our Redeemer. We entrust our family to you. O Blessed Mary, you are the Mother of our Savior. At Nazareth you cared for Jesus and nurtured him in

the peace and joy of your home. We entrust our family to you. O Saint Joseph, you provided a secure and loving home for Jesus and Mary, and gave us a model of fatherhood while showing us the dignity of work. We entrust our family to you. Holy Family, we consecrate ourselves and our family to you. May we be completely united in a love that is lasting, faithful and open to the gift of new life. Help us to grow in virtue, to forgive one another from our hearts, and to live in peace all our days. Keep us strong in faith, persevering in prayer, diligent in our work, and generous toward those in need. May our home, O Holy Family, truly become a domestic church where we reflect your example in our daily life. Amen.

# Consecration to the Holy Family



## **How to Prepare**

In preparation for a Consecration to the Holy Family, your family should not only decide to dedicate itself to the Holy Family's intercession but also acknowledge that the family is sacred.

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# Four suggested steps before praying the Consecration to the Holy Family:

Discuss the importance of this consecration as a family and why you are doing it.

2 Each member of your family is strongly encouraged to go to the sacrament of reconciliation.

As a family, intentionally choose something to fast from. The fast can be for at least a week. As our physical bodies are drawn to things of the world, it is strongly encouraged that you fast from something that you would normally do or consume. Fasting helps to discipline our minds and hearts to refrain from secular activities and be more focused on God.

Prepare for the commitment you are making. Consecration to the Holy Family is not a single event. You have chosen a way of life for your family. You and your family are consciously choosing to be a beacon of light of God's love through his Church.

# **SEPTEMBER 2022**

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**KofC Council #1221 supports National MS Society -** Check presentation from the proceeds of our August 5th fish fry to benefit the National MS Society. From left to right, Matt Lincoln, Gary Robinson, Lindsey Driskell, (Gary's daughter with MS), Tom Waters, and David Haddock, President of MS Midwest Region. We presented check to the MS Society in the amount of \$3,360.00. The funds to be used for the ongoing medical research to find a cure for MS.



2022 Golf Scramble - We had a beautiful day at Valley View Golf Course. We had 52 golfers attend and a great day to enjoy the comraderies of our fellow knights. We had a lot of birdies and very few bogeys with the help of some innovative rules. On September 10, Brother Greg Brodfehrer (New District Deputy from our Council) will present the Gibault School with a check for \$2,500.00 on behalf of our Council.



Workers opening passage between McGivney & Reising Ballroom.



# **Chaplain's Encouragement (continued)**

mary targets for the evil one. The evil one knows that to lead a priest (or a dad) astray weakens not just the priest (or dad), but all those to whom the priest (dad) will serve.

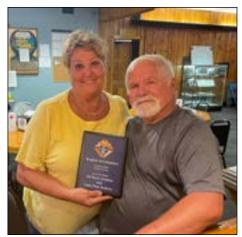
- 9. Read the Catechism of the Catholic Church on the Eucharist (Paragraphs 1322 to 1419) <a href="https://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/\_\_P3W.HTM">https://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/\_\_P3W.HTM</a>
- 10. Watch an educational video series to expand your Eucharistic knowledge an spur devotion. I would suggest: "Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist" or "Lectio: Eucharist with Dr. Brant Pitre" both free to you on Formed.org from

Holy Family Parish, New Albany. Visit the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website on the Eucharist Renewal <a href="https://www.eucharisticre-vival.org">https://www.eucharisticre-vival.org</a>. Sign-up and read the weekly email update to keep this revival alive in your Faith life.

These practices are not just ideas for the next three-years of the Eucharistic Revival. They are basic practices for faithful Catholic Christian life. Blessed Michael McGivney wanted to strengthen Catholic men, their families, and their parishes. A holy fraternity was part of his solution, and rightly so. We

need to be encouraged by and accountable to other men if we will live the Unity and Charity of Christ. Yet, Blessed McGivney knew first and foremost, even before our blessed fraternity, is the Unity and Charity of Jesus Christ come to us poor sinners in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist. Nothing will revive the Church but the Eucharistic Christ, nothing can stop our Church from reviving men, the family, our communities, and our parishes. Go, encounter Christ anew in the Eucharist and be revived!

~ Rev. Jeremy M. Gries, Chaplain of Cardinal Ritter Council #1221



Terry & Pam Jenkins named Honorary Knight/Lady.



Tom Waters, GK & Honorary Knight Roger Turner.



Cancer Nurse Crawford and Tom Waters, GK. KofC sending free fish fry meals to New Albany Cancer Center doctors and nurses.



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# **Prayer For The Canonization Of Father McGivney**

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor.

Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast.

We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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