

THE COUNSELOR

**Our Lady of Sorrows Parish
Farmington , Michigan
February 2010**

The Knights
of Columbus
St. Francis
Council
#4401



Grand Knight's Report

The main topic on the agenda at the winter district meeting were the plans under way for the state convention on Mackinac Island in May. We will be holding nominations for delegates at this month's meeting.

Another topic discussed at the district meeting was membership. We have reached the half way point of the fraternal year and we have done well towards our membership goals but we still have work to do. To help us achieve our goal we will have a major degree in February. If you know a good candidate for knighthood this would be the time to ask him to join the order.

Due to the time constraints for obtaining the money needed to host the event, we will be making a motion to request a \$1500 advance to fund the Major Degree. There will be a vote of confidence taken at the February meeting.

We will have a guest at our meeting that will give a talk about the Rebuilding Together program. This is a great opportunity to expose the good works our council does to the community. Russ Waldecker has volunteered to chair this event.

Our spring event is the Mother and Unborn Baby Care (MAUBC) dinner on Sunday, May 16. The entertainment for this family event will be a comedian and ventriloquist as well as a talk from John Kruse. A 42-inch plasma TV will be raffled off that evening as well. We need your support for this event to be successful; invite friends and family to join us for an evening of laughs.

Please note that due to Shelter Week being held at OLS this month, our third degree business meeting on February 3 will be held in the Family Center.

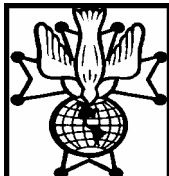
Remember that it only takes 24 hours to be a Knight.

Fraternally yours
Ed Waldecker Jr.



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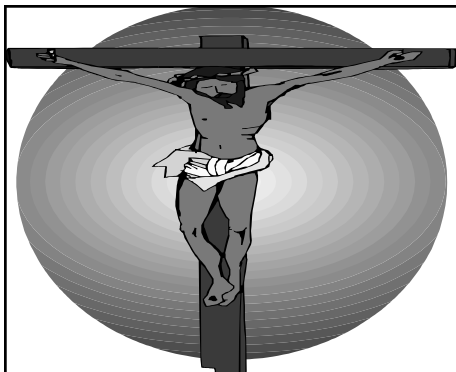
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50/50 & CAPSULE DRAWING WINNERS



The capsule drawing member was John Fleck.
The winner of the 50/50 drawing was Joe Lesner.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Jeff McGowan is the Knight of the Month.

Prayers For:

ILL and RECOVERY

Bishop Reece, Kathleen Kowlaski, Pat McCallion, Pat Wagner, Steve Martz, Fr. Jim Thoman, Patricia Kahlin, Frank Ellert, Fred Mallia, Philip Nuar, Sister Mary Rita Sayers, David Hagemann, Gary Francis, Margaret Andrews, Colin Pohl, Malcolm McKay, Kent Hajduck, Amanto Damore, Steve Baker, Ruth Lowry, Lynda Campbell

Kathleen Pranger

DECEASED

Christian Nixon, Bob Stieger, Mrs. Mastrangel, Paul Kozicki, Rusty Gates, Dick Tupper, Shirley Piper, The aborted

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Valerie DeSanto, the homeless, the unemployed, the unborn, Political leaders, All Police, Fire, Emergency & Rescue Personnel

Our Military & Vocations

K of C JACKETS AND SHIRTS

Anyone interested in purchasing a K of C jacket or golf shirt with the K of C logo and Council number 4401 on them should contact Randy D'Amore by e mail at

uccrandy@msn.com

or at the meeting. Just give him your name, size and color preference (blue or white). Randy is trying to keep the price for the shirts under \$25.



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Upcoming Events

February Meetings

3rd Degree Business Meeting

Wednesday, February 3rd 7:30pm

PLEASE NOTE: Due to Shelter Week at OLS the meeting will be held in the Family Center

4th Degree Business Meeting

Wednesday, February 10th 7:30pm

3rd Degree Officers Meeting

Wednesday, February 17th 7:30pm

News and Notes

Nominations for the state convention delegates will be held at the February 3rd business meeting.

A motion was made at the 3rd degree officers meeting to advance \$1500 for the council's major degree on February 28.

Chancellor's Corner

God is saying: learn to wait

Fr. Ronald Rolheiser's December 13 column in *The Michigan Catholic* provided an explanation of the true meaning of chastity. Chastity means to let God unfold life at His pace. It applies to our life and to the lives of all the people we encounter.

We all have ideas of how we want to see our life develop. Not so surprisingly, we also come up with ideas for how we want other people to develop, or, to put it another way, to behave. If we are chaste, though, we are not impatient with others if they are not developing in the manner we feel is best. That means we recognize that God is moving every person along a path according to His will.

Sometimes, we have a problem with that path. Think of the parent raising a child; how often does the parent want the path the child is on to vary to something more of the parent's liking? In fact, the parent has a responsibility to guide the child's development. No matter, the child is not a robot, and the parent must eventually respect the child's individual humanity.

When it comes to our spouse, friends, or co-workers, we don't even have a responsibility for their development, yet we can find ourselves at odds with their behavior. Chastity says wait, let each person be him or her self. But where do we find that kind of patience? Imagine, if you will, a cocoon. A cocoon that we can escape into whenever our patience is threatened. That cocoon is prayer.

Yes, we can escape to our cocoon of prayer in times of stress when we want someone to be something different than what he or she is. Even better, we can enter that cocoon when we are not in immediate need. Pope Benedict, it has been noted, stops over and over throughout his day in his private chapel to pray. If someone as holy as the pope needs prayer that often, how often do we need it?

Not to forget, we must apply chastity to ourselves. When we find that our unfolding is going in a way that we would rather it didn't, we can pray. A prayer in one of my prayer books begins, "In every need let me come to You with humble trust saying, 'Jesus help me.'" Finish that prayer with your own words describing your need for patience with yourself. Jesus will listen, and He will help you.

May God's Face Shine Upon You!

Bill Martz
Chancellor

St. Francis Council
Spiritual Retreat
March 19th-21st, 2010
St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center
23333 Schoolcraft
Detroit, MI 48223

Come and join with your brother Knights as we gather for a very special weekend of prayer, relaxation, fellowship and spiritual renewal! For those of you that have never experienced a retreat, it is what I like to call, "A gift to yourself". A weekend away from the stresses of everyday life and a time for you to listen to God and to what His will is in your life. Each retreatant is given their own private room with private bath/shower facilities. There are quiet areas for reading and reflection, an extraordinary chapel for private prayer as well as where Mass, morning prayer, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation are celebrated. There are several acres of grounds for walking, and great meals provide nourishment for the body!

The retreat begins Friday night with registration starting about 4:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:45 pm. It runs all day Saturday and concludes with lunch on Sunday. The theme of this year's retreat is: **Knowing the God of Jesus**

The "God question" is the great question of life! Is there a God? What is God like? Who is God? What does God mean for me? In John's Gospel, the disciples of Jesus ask "Show us the Father, and that is enough for us..." (cf. Jn 14:8)

The question pops up in the midst of the experiences of life: when we marvel at the beauty of nature; when we rejoice in the gift of new life; when the experience of love reveals to us the beauty and delicacy of another's spirit; when, in the midst of turmoil and trouble, we are led to discover a way out; when we witness another person die and must confront our own mortality; when we struggle to answer the question of evil and suffering. All these experiences, which are common to adults, point to reality beyond ourselves and remind us that life has a depth and a mystery to it which we know is God. Yet, it is hard to be certain, to be sure.

It is in St. John's Gospel that we also read, "No one has ever seen God. The only Son, God, who is at the Father's side, has revealed him." This is the great gift of Christian faith; a sure and certain knowledge and understanding of divine reality that is shown in the life, words and deeds of Jesus Christ.

The retreat for this year focuses on the God revealed by Jesus Christ. Reviewing the Gospel record, we ponder the great mystery of God-with-us, Jesus, God in human existence, through whom we come to appreciate and trust in the mystery of God. The retreat invites participants to know the God revealed in their midst, and to come to a deeper understanding and faith for the God revealed to us by Jesus.

Suggested donation for the weekend is \$150.00 which is presented as your offering during the Sunday mass, so there is no need for any payment prior to that. The Passionists have always stressed that cost should never be a factor in whether someone should come. It is usually when you can least afford to come financially that you have the greatest need to come and receive God's love and mercy. To register, or for more information, please contact Gary Mallia at 248-442-7076 or at gmallia@twmi.rr.com





Lent 2010 Campaign Kick-Off

When & where: Tuesday, February 16, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the National Shrine of the Little Flower (12 Mile and Woodward, parking in rear of church).

Keynote speaker: **Archbishop Allen Vigneron**

Additional comments from **Suffragan Bishop D. L. Bradle**, Bethlehem Temple Church of the Apostolic Faith, and **Michelle Yax**, Director of Mother and Unborn Baby Care Center.

Music to lift our spirits by **Karen Zawadzki** and *The Magdalenas* (**Robin Sitko & Shelley Asbury**).

Refreshments and fellowship in Heritage Hall immediately following the program. For more information, please contact Bill Martz, 248-442-9783.

Divine Mercy Network

Our beloved St. Francis council is now a proud sponsor of Divine Mercy Network, the Shepard of radio station AM 1090.

“Mercy Radio is provided for and by members of The Divine Mercy Network as a place where you can pray with Christ and His Church on the radio and online. It is a spiritual and intellectual place of refuge in today's media saturated environment where you can grow in Faith, Hope and Love.

Our Faith is Catholic (Universal), our Hope is in Jesus Christ and our Love for Christ and His Church is practiced through the [Three Degrees of Mercy](#) as revealed by Our Lord Jesus Christ to St. Maria Faustina.

With a spirituality based in the Divine Mercy Message and Devotion, we are absolutely faithful to the Magisterium of our One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church.

The programming on 1090 AM, now streaming here at Mercy Radio, are taken from a variety of excellent resources including EWTN.

One of the main resources for programming is the life-work of the Servant of God, Fr. John A. Hardon, S.J. With permission of Eternal Life and others associated with his work, we are pleased to announce our new daily programming dedicated to the teachings of this great author, theologian, teacher, spiritual director and defender of the faith! “

Fr. Hardon served our council as chaplain. Listen for our council's ads showcasing our upcoming events and visit [MERCYRADIO.com](#) as well to become an individual member. If you mention that you are a member of St. Francis we will be awarded additional air time!

Need Penance?

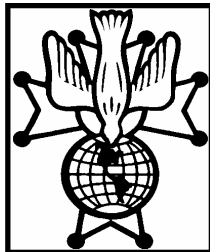
I invite you to join me and other Pro-Life Catholics and Brother Knights on Saturday mornings at 8:30 a.m. in front of the abortion mill located at 28505 Southfield Road. (Just South of 12 Mile) on the East side of the road. This is a **non-confrontational** protest where we recite the Rosary (takes about 20 minutes) and we go out for breakfast after. Remember, a small sacrifice from you today could save the life of an unborn child.

Call P.G.K. Bill McKeever @ 313-766-9110 for more information.



SENIORS/ RETIREEE'S LUNCHEON

WHERE: MONAGHAN COUNCIL
WHEN: THIRD THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH
TIME: 12 NOON
HAPPENINGS: LUNCH — GOOD CONVERSATION
COME AND ENJOY AN AFTERNOON OF SOCIALIZING



**4th DEGREE NEWS
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI
ASSEMBLY #2136**



Sir Knights, Ladies, families, and friends Vivat Jesus!

The last decade sure went out with a bang. Our Assembly pulled off two major projects to serve the greater good. First we got together with our families to lovingly make over twelve hundred perogies. Most were sold before they were made, George Jagitsch was one of our best customers. The rest were sold on one Sunday after masses at St. Clare parish. The proceeds (\$550) went to help pay for a new roof on the church and social hall. Special thanks to the Malia family and all who helped make and sell the Polish delights. I look forward to doing it again and doubling production, the demand seems to be endless.

The other marquee event was our annual special needs Christmas party. This was one of our biggest ones yet serving seventy-plus guests and another thirty staffers and brother knights. Everyone had a blast singing and dancing and enjoying a pizza feast together. All of the guests left with a special gift. Our next Christmas party will be held at St. Pricilla's church hall on Dec 8.

If you missed our assembly meeting on January 13, we agreed to change the start time of our meetings to 7:30. This is a welcome change for many members especially during the winter months.

We are considering hosting a charity poker event. We are looking for volunteers to work the event; in most cases it requires at least two volunteers at a time from 5pm to 2am for four nights in a row and one of the volunteers must be an assembly member. Please contact me directly if you can do this and we will try to schedule a week that works for as many of us as possible. The work is easy and the benefits to our assembly are great. Let's join together to make it happen.

Now's the time to recruit Knights to join the Fourth degree for our March 6 exemplification at Crystal Gardens in Southgate. All info and forms can be found on MICHIGANDISTRICK1.com

I would like to plan an assembly summer picnic. I am a member of camp Dearborn in Milford and they have a wonderful facility for this. We need to pick a date early. I look forward to our February meeting so we can launch these new missions.

**God bless America
Russ Waldecker F.N.**

St. Francis Knights of Columbus

Rosary Chain

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