



## Holy Family Council 13123 Upcoming Events

- December 13<sup>th</sup> Membership meeting St. Mary's Room 7:00PM
- December 17<sup>th</sup>-Pancake Breakfast Family Room 8:30AM-Noon
- December 25<sup>th</sup> Merry Christmas
- January 1<sup>st</sup> Happy New Year
- January 2 Officers Meeting St. Mary's Room 7:00PM
- January 7<sup>th</sup> Knight's Mass 9:30AM, Followed by Coffee and Donuts
- January 10 Membership Meeting St. Mary's Room 7:00PM
- January 14<sup>th</sup>-Pancake Breakfast
- January 21<sup>st</sup> Knights Free Throw Championship

### **KNIGHTS FAMILY MASS REMINDER**

Please join your Brother Knights and families on every first Sunday of the month. The Knights process into mass together with family members to worship and celebrate the Eucharist together as an integral part of the Holy Family faith community. All Knights and family members are encouraged to gather at 9:25 AM near the church entrance to process into church behind our banner. Sir Knights are encouraged to attend in tuxedos, social baldric and gloves.

After mass, we sponsor and host donuts and coffee for all parishioners. This is a great opportunity for fellowship, conversation, and inviting others to join the Knights. We need five (5) to six (6) Knights to volunteer to setup, serve donuts/coffee and cleanup. Just join in and help as necessary. As a reminder, only those Knights who have completed the viewing of "Protecting God's Children" and signed the required paperwork from the Parish Center may volunteer now.

### **MEMBERSHIP DUES NEEDED:**

Renewal memberships have been mailed out. Please return your dues ASAP or bring them to our next General Meeting. Being a Knight is truly an honor and comes with responsibilities. Our dues keep us ticking as a viable council on a local, statewide and national level. If you have not paid your annual \$30.00 dues, now is the time! Contact our Financial Secretary John Willey at 815-226-3931 or [john.willey@sbcglobal.net](mailto:john.willey@sbcglobal.net) with any questions. Thank you.

### **PRO-LIFE:**

Father Shenan J. Boquet, President, Human Life International writes: The resurgence of the dangerous "seamless garment" mentality should cause us grave concern. In its most pernicious form, this philosophy holds that grave intrinsic evils like contraception, abortion and euthanasia and social problems like poverty, immigration, health care and the environment are morally equivalent. It is dangerous because it distracts the Church from recognizing the intrinsic evil ("wrongness") of certain moral acts and their deadly consequences, leading souls astray and paralyzing our ability to respond effectively.

The "seamless garment" philosophy also diverts attention from individual sin and culpability by focusing more on "collective" than personal sin. Under its influence, instead of a prophetic voice "crying out in the wilderness," the Church

becomes just another non-governmental organization (NGO), striving for “social justice” via a socially acceptable version of social reform eviscerated of the Gospel message of repentance.

Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God...

Repent, and believe in the gospel. – Mark 1:14-15

While the Church teaches that there are moral and social issues that are of greater gravity than others, the “seamless garment” mentality is a form of moral relativism that bulldozes these crucial moral distinctions. It is a philosophy that provides the death peddlers with the tools for deflecting attention from the abhorrent evils plaguing humanity and our cultures.

Pope John Paul II:

Above all, the common outcry, which is justly made on behalf of human rights – for example, the right to health, to home, to work, to family, to culture – is false and illusory if the right to life, the most basic and fundamental right and the condition for all other personal rights, is not defended with maximum determination. – Christifideles Laici, ¶38

For the full column go to this link or paste it in your browser:

<https://tinyurl.com/yd5mw4md> <<https://tinyurl.com/yd5mw4md>>

#### **BAPTISM MINISTRY AND COMPASSION MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

Our Parish is seeking more volunteers to help with the Baptism Ministry to assist our priests in the preparation, during and after baptisms on Sundays scheduled on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month. Holy Family is also seeking more volunteers for our Compassion Ministry. Duties include visiting Holy Family patients in the local hospitals to show that they are being remembered. We have to introduce ourselves as the Knights of Columbus from Holy Family and ask them to pray together. This is separate from the ministry for the Homebound. Brother Othello is our point of contact for these ministries and will be coordinating with Teresa.

#### **ATTRACTING NEW MEMBERS:**

If you know someone in our parish who is a practicing Catholic and would make a good Knight, ask them to join! It is a privilege to be a Knight. Many non-Knights have a misperception of what our fraternal organization is all about. Talk to your friends about what we do to support our parish and community and ask them if they are ready to join us and make a difference! Recruiting is never an easy thing to do. However, if you believe in the cause you become more of an advocate.

Additional information for prospective Knights can be found online under the Ministries tab at HolyfamilyRockford.org.

#### **COMMENTS OF THE GRAND KNIGHT**

Thank you to all that attended our first ever “ Bowling Knight”. It was a lot of fun and a great brainstorming session from which viable new program ideas came. Br. Kellen left us in the dust with a string of strikes and spares; congrats Kellen on a great game! All Knights are invited and encouraged to join us each month for an evening of comradely and

## **KNIGHTHOOD DEGREE HELD IN NOVEMBER**

District 48 held a Knighthood degree on November 19<sup>th</sup>. Brothers Rueben Sedo and Matt Braccil advanced in their Knighthood Degrees. Worthy Council Chaplin Father C. Fitzpatrick was present and also advanced to the Knighthood degree. Please congratulate our fellow brothers when you next see them.

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP**

Plan now to participate in the championship by assisting with registration, set up, scoring, ball retrievers and cleanup.

It is a fun event; so encourage all children between the ages of 9-14 years to participate. The event is open to all Holy Family School age children whether they attend Holy Family School or not.

District 48 Free Throw Championship- February 18, 2018  
Region 1 Free Throw Championship – March 18, 2018

## **CLOSING THOUGHTS FOR CHRISTMAS AND THE UPCOMING NEW YEAR**

As we enter the advent season it is always good to reflect about the past and also the future and how we are going to face it.

The apostle Paul reminds us that in so many positive ways, we are in fact “ full of goodness.” He suggests that we pay attention to what Jesus is accomplishing through our attitudes and actions. Insignificant as these may seem at the time, who knows what practical “signs and wonders” we might be able to bring about as we go about our daily routine. So how can I use my time and talents to help a family member who isn’t doing so well? In school or work today, how might I reach out to meet a friend in need? Most often it isn’t the “ great deeds “ that make a difference. Rather our attitude and outlook shapes our interactions with others in a very practical and surprising way. When all is said and done, it really isn’t about us at all. It’s about how I let God’s good grace help me make thoughtful decisions, especially in ways we reach out to those we meet. Sometimes it isn’t what we say to someone else; rather it’s about how the other person “hears” and “understands “ my words and actions. Pay attention during your daily encounters and conversations to the practical ways the Spirit of God is at work!

VENERABLE FATHER MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY, PRAY FOR US.  
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, QUEEN OF THE KNIGHTS, PRAY FOR US.

*Chosen To Go and Bear Fruit That Will Remain*

