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Grand Knight's Message

Thank you for attending our Council meetings and events. Continue to attend meetings and give a member a ride to the meeting. Meeting dates and times are listed in the Church bulletin.

We are always looking for new members. Talk to male parishioners 18 and over. If they want to join the Knights have the person fill out a Knights form 100.

December is a busy month. There are a lot of advent activities. Volunteer opportunities will be listed in the Church bulletin.

The Council Christmas social will be held in the Parish Activity Center on Dec. 18th at 7 pm. This will be a catered event and we ask Knights to bring a dessert to share. Knights and families are invited.

Christmas and New Years are times to get together with family and friends. I hope you enjoy this time together.

There will be opportunities to volunteer in December. Please sign up to help out.

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Some important upcoming dates and opportunities to volunteer:

Dec 4 - Knights meeting, all Knights are invited

Dec 9 - OLOG Landscape day 9-11 am

Dec 18 - Knights Social, Christmas dinner at 7 pm

Feb 2-4 - Heritage Festival

Tootsie Roll event date to be determined, we collect donations for people with disabilities

The Hygiene Ministry desperately needs donations of Mens and Womens:

underwear, tee shirts, socks, deodorant, bug spray, sunscreen and chapstick.

These items can be dropped off at the hall on Fridays from 11-2 or at the Church.

St. Vincent DePaul needs help every Wednesday at 8 am to unload



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The Value of Life Insurance for Children

As a father, you worry about your children and do everything you can to protect them. You try to raise them right and make sure they are prepared to become adults. But have you ever thought about buying life insurance for your child?

When you insure a child, you are protecting his or her future. Did you know that one out of every six adults get rated, postponed, or denied for insurance coverage? If you purchase a policy for your child from the Knights of Columbus with a guaranteed purchase option, it guarantees that more insurance can be purchased for that child at certain set dates, without proving insurability.

Unfortunately, as fathers we don't have a crystal ball, and we don't know what the future may have in store for our children's health. But did you know that right now you can purchase a child's policy, in many cases, for less than \$10 a month?

I've heard it said that people don't want to "profit" from the death of a child, so they

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won't purchase coverage on their children. God forbid something tragic happens, those funds can come in handy at a time when finances will be the last thing on a parent's mind. I have never heard a story about someone who regretted buying coverage on their child.

Contact me today to discuss the many policy options for child plans, including 10- and 20-Pay life insurance.



- 12/06 – Phil Rucki
- 12/06 -Chris Tompkins
- 12/15 –Leon Kamienski
- 12/19- Leo Nelson
- 12/20 –Esperant Edouard
- 12/26 – Kevin Hourihan
- 12/26 – Greg Pelzer
- 12/27 – Ted Del Rosario
- 12/28 – Isaiah Cochrane
- 12/29 –Mark Stephenson
- 12/30- Ray Quinn

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First Degree Anniversaries

12/01/94 – Frank De La Rosa
12/09/02 – Emilio Burke
12/09/02 –William Cox
12/09/02 – Kevin Crawford
12/09/02 – Gary Nolte
12/18/02 – Adrian Rines
12/23/03 – Kohn Buchanan
12/14/09 – Ted Del Rosario
12/14/09 – Dominic Fechas
12/14/09 – Manuel Fechas
12/02/13 – Alex Boullion
12/15/14 – Joseph Tran

THE FAMILY FULLY ALIVE ! Building the Domestic Church



oy is an attribute of God's divine love. To reflect God in our family life, we are called to be joyful by developing our relationship with Christ.

Meditation

From Pope Francis' Amoris Laetitia

The expression “*chaírei epì te adikía*” [“rejoice over wrongdoing”] (1 Cor 13:6). Has to do with a negativity lurking deep within a person’s heart. It is the toxic attitude of those who rejoice at seeing an injustice done to others. The following phrase expresses its opposite: *sygchaírei te aletheía*: “it rejoices in the right”. In other words, we rejoice at the good of others when we see their dignity and value their abilities and good works. This is impossible for those who must always be comparing and competing, even with their spouse, so that they secretly rejoice in their failures.

When a loving person can do good for others, or sees that others are happy, they themselves live happily and in this way give glory to God, for “God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Cor 9:7). Our Lord especially appreciates those who find joy in the happiness of others. If we fail to learn how to rejoice in the well-being of others and focus primarily on our own needs, we condemn ourselves to a joyless existence, for, as Jesus said, “it is more blessed to give than to receive” (acts 20:35). The family must always be a place where, when something good happens to one of its members, they know that others will be there to celebrate it with them.

1. What are some joys we have experienced in our family? Are there ways to build upon these joys to create a more joyful home?

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2. In what ways could we add more joy to our family? Could we be more cheerful in giving and complain less? Could we focus less on our own needs and more on the happiness of a family member? Could we rejoice in our family's love by affirming each other more with compliments? Could we smile more at our family members?
3. Do we base our lives on the joyful awareness that we are beloved sons and daughters of God, or do we let something rob us of the joy of the Gospel? What is it that robs us? Is it anxiety, fear or impatience? How might prayer help with these things?

Scripture Reading - Psalm 33:1-7, 20-22

A prayer of praise and rejoicing before the Lord

Rejoice, you righteous, in the LORD;
praise from the upright is fitting.

Give thanks to the LORD on the harp;
on the ten-stringed lyre offer praise.

sing to him a new song;
skillfully play with joyful chant.

For the LORD's word is upright;
all his works are trustworthy.

He loves justice and right.

The earth is full of the mercy of the LORD.

By the LORD's word the heavens were made;

by the breath of his mouth all their host.
He gathered the waters of the sea as a mound;

he sets the deep into storage vaults.

Our soul waits for the LORD,
he is our help and shield.

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For in him our hearts rejoice;
in his holy name we trust.
May your mercy, LORD, be upon us;
as we put our hope in you.

Family Project

Put joy into practice by singing together advent and Christmas hymns, hosting an advent or Christmas party with special treats, and reading a *Christmas story* out loud. The story could be Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol or a book more suitable for young children, like *The Legend of the Poinsettia* by Tomie dePaola.

Also consider creating a family book of favorite religious hymns and carols. Have each family member choose a song that they enjoy and make copies to share. Then sing together advent and Christmas songs at times that are convenient. For instance, a family could sing before its family prayer, before bed, before lighting the advent wreath, before opening presents at Christmas, or at another time. If you have young children, sing a few simple songs to them so they can begin to learn the lyrics.

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