



Knights of Columbus

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KNIGHT LINE

October-November, 2024

Message from the Grand Knight

As I enter the second quarter of my term, I want to encourage everyone to get more involved with our Knights of Columbus council. While our dedicated members continue to serve with great commitment, it would be wonderful to see new faces and reconnect with those who haven't been as active lately.

With the arrival of fall, this is an ideal time to stay engaged. Whether through service projects, fundraising efforts, or fellowship events, we have many opportunities to come together and make a lasting impact. Let's continue to support one another as we advance our mission of faith, charity, and community.

If you're looking to get more involved, we have a place for you. From helping in the kitchen on a Thursday night wing crew, Friday chicken dinners, or 5th Sunday breakfasts, to contributing to our fundraising efforts like the Reverse Drawing, Queen of Hearts raffle, or selling Pro-Life roses after Mass, there's a way for everyone to contribute.

Your involvement is crucial, and together, we can achieve even more. Our council has tremendous potential to serve our communities, and it's up to us to make that potential a reality.



Our newest Knights: On September 24, 2024, our council held an exemplification ceremony after the 9:30 mass at St. Anthony in Beckemeyer. The new members are (front row from left to right) Colby Voss, John Hilmes and Logan Johnson (not pictured: Brad Voss). Welcome to the Council!



Our camera caught Dennis Book, Dave Deutsch and Burnell "Rookie" Laux preparing chicken for a Friday night fry.



Past Grand Knight Tony Antonacci receives a donation from member Randy Ratermann.

Upcoming Events in October and November

October has several events on the horizon. Here's a preview of what's ahead:

- **Thursday, October 10:** Our council meeting will start at 7:30 PM. This month, we will also pray the rosary for our deceased brothers starting at 7:00 PM, which we do every other month.
- **Saturday, October 12:** Oktoberfest Bike Crawl – Kickstands up at 11am at the hall. See the flyer on the next page.
- **Saturday/Sunday, October 12/13 and October 19/20:** These two weekends we are holding our church drive. We will be represented at our five parishes to recruit catholic men to join our council.
- **Sunday, October 27:** Burger's, Brats and Brews – Join us in celebrating Fr. Chuck's 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood! The event will take place at the St. Augustine Pavilion from 1 PM to 4 PM. Our council, along with the 4th Degree and St. Augustine Holy Name, is proud to sponsor this special occasion. If you plan to attend, please text me at (618) 973-5574 with your name and the number of guests so we can ensure we have enough food for everyone.

Looking ahead to November:

- **Sunday, November 3:** Trunk or Treat Breakfast. Any child that dresses up in costume will receive a free breakfast. The proceeds from this breakfast will benefit Whispering Pines of Clinton County.
- **Thursday, November 14:** Our regular council meeting will start at 7:30 PM.
- **Sunday, November 17:** Council Memorial Mass – 9:30am mass at St. Anthony in Beckemeyer. At this mass we remember our Brother Knights that departed us throughout the 2023-2024 Fraternal year.
- **Monday, November 25:** Cook turkeys for Newman Center – 5am at the hall. Mike Nettemeier has chaired this event for many years. He can always use an extra hand with the preparation.
- **Tuesday, November 26:** Deliver turkeys to the Newman Center on the campus of Southern Illinois University in Carbondale.

Recurring Events: The **Queen of Hearts** is still in play! As of this newsletter's printing, the pot has grown to over \$15,000, with only seven cards remaining. We are still in search of a chairperson for the next board.

Knight of the Month

October: David Duetch

November: Richard Koerkenmeier

Family of the Month

October: Brian & Lisa Dumstorff

November: Dennis & Rita Litteken

Vocation Raffle Tickets

Enclosed with this newsletter, you'll find two vocation raffle ticket booklets. We encourage you to support this important cause, which benefits the Illinois Vocations Support Program. For each \$15 booklet sold, our council receives \$9. These funds will go toward our Vocation Support goal. If we don't meet our goal (based on the size of our council), we will need to cover the shortfall. Your participation makes a big difference!

Here is the breakdown of the five charitable funds our council supports:

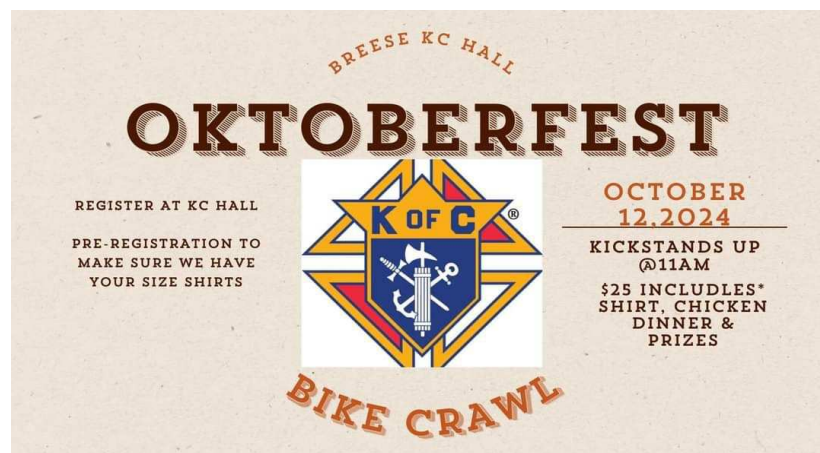
<u>Charitable Fund</u>	<u>Funding Source</u>
Newman Apostolate Fund	Council donates \$100 each month in the name of the Knight of the Month
Intellectual Disabilities (ID) Fund	Funds collected from the Tootsie Roll drive
General Assistance Fund	Money collected at each meeting
Vocations Support Fund	Raffle ticket booklet (enclosed)
Right to Life (Pro-Life) Fund	Roses sold after mass

Columbian Board News

Each January, the Columbian Board holds its annual meeting to review all accounts, reflect on the past year's accomplishments, and elect or re-elect board members. This year, the board will be seeking three new members as current terms come to an end. If you're interested in serving, please let me know, and I will forward your name to the board for consideration.

Getting information quickly to members – Email newsletters

There are times when we need to quickly share important information with our members, such as when a Brother Knight passes away and we want to gather members for the Resolution of Condolence or if you would like to receive the newsletter by email. To ensure we can reach you promptly, we are building a database of email addresses and cell phone numbers. If you would like to be included, please email your name, email address, and cell phone number to: grandknight@breeseknights.org Your participation will help us keep everyone informed in a timely manner.



October 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 Dennis Book wing crew	4 Rich Eilermann fry crew	5
6 Life Chain Sunday New Rt. 50 from 2-3pm Pro-Life Breakfast @ Sandoval, 8-11am St. Dominic Chicken Dinner	7 Columbian Board Meeting @ 6:30	8	9 MD Homecoming Parade	10 Don Kuhl wing crew Council Meeting w/ Rosary, start @ 7pm	11 Jeff Niemeyer fry crew	12 Church Drive Weekend Oktoberfest Bike Crawl Southern Friendship Dinner @ Red Bud Our Lady of Fatima Shrine St. Augustine @ noon
13 Church Drive Weekend	14	15 4 th Degree Meeting in Albers @ 7:30	16	17 Dave Rolfingsmeier wings	18 Ralph Langhauser fry crew	19 Church Drive Weekend
20 Church Drive Weekend Soccer Challenge District & Regional Final @ MD	21 Columbus Day	22	23	24 Ralph Langhauser wings	25 Steve Tebbe fry crew	26
27 Burger's, Brats & Brews Fr. Chuck's 50 th Anniv. of Ordination to Priesthood St. Augustine Pavilion 1pm - 4pm	28	29	30	31 Rich Eilermann wing crew Halloween		

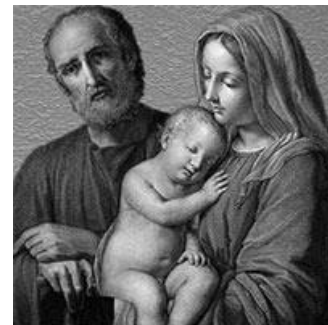
November 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Dan Ketterer fry crew All Saints Day	2 All Souls Day
3 Trunk or Treat Breakfast Benefitting Whispering Pines of Clinton County	4 Columbian Board Meeting @ 6:30	5 Election Day	6	7 Dennis Book wing crew	8 Russell Zurliene fry crew	9
10	11 Veterans Day	12	13	14 Don Kuhl wing crew Council Meeting @ 7:30	15 Mark Niemeyer fry crew	16
17 Council Memorial Mass St. Anthony, Beckemeyer 9:30am	18	19 4 th Degree Meeting in New Baden @ 7:30	20	21 Dave Rolfingsmeier wings	22 Rich Eilermann fry crew	23
24 MD Knight Club Appreciation Dinner	25 Cook turkeys for Newman Center @ the hall, 5am	26 Deliver turkeys to Newman Center @ SIUC	27	28 No Thursday wings Thanksgiving Day	29 No Friday Chicken	30

Building the Domestic Church

While Strengthening Our Parish

The Family Fully Alive



The Family that Prays and Plays Together, Stays Together

TOGETHER ON MISSION

OCTOBER

***Faith In Action:* Marian Icon Prayer Program**

By understanding its mission, the family can more fully embrace God's plan for the fullness of divine life and love that he wishes to share with the family.

Breaking Open the Theme

When we think of being missionary, we often assume that this means we must travel to a faraway place and share our gifts and our faith. But being on mission is actually part of our everyday existence as baptized sons and daughters of God. Just as Jesus was sent into the world to save humanity, Jesus sends the family into the world with a specific mission. The Christian family, as a domestic church, is entrusted with the mission "to guard, reveal, and to communicate love." What makes its task unique is that the family does this mission together. To live out this mission of the family, it is necessary to attend Sunday Mass as a family, to give thanks to God for your mission and to pray as a family for the graces necessary to carry it out. Family prayer is an opportunity to bring the family together to "pause for prayer." Families can learn in a particular way how to pray from the Holy Family of Mary, Joseph and Jesus. They were a family of prayer. Christ regularly prayed the psalms with his family and Mary knew the scriptures well (cf. Lk 1:46-55). St. Joseph, as head of the household, would have led them in prayer. October is traditionally the month of the holy rosary. Through the rosary and through the Joyful Mysteries in particular, we meditate upon the life of the Holy Family through the eyes of Mary. The rosary is one of the simplest and most powerful prayers that the family can pray together. Both St. John Paul II and Pope Francis have often asked families to pray the rosary. By coming together in this way for prayer and by turning together to Jesus with Mary, many families have experienced profound moments of peace, joy and reconciliation.

Meditation

From Carl Anderson and Father José Granados' *Called to love* Jesus said to the disciples: "You are the light of the world" (Matt 5:14). The Lord's words apply in a special way to the family. Light, after all, fulfills its "mission" of bestowing warmth and visibility not by some extra activity added to its nature, but simply by being what it is. Similarly, just as the mission of the sun is nothing other than to shine, the mission of the family is just to be itself. St. John Paul II was calling the family to this essential mission when he exclaimed: "family, become what you are!" What happens when the family becomes what it is? Here is St. John Paul II's answer: ... the family has the mission to become more and more what it is, that is to say, a community of life and love. ... The family has the mission to guard, reveal and communicate love, and this is a living reflection of and a real

sharing in God's love for humanity and the love of Christ the Lord for the Church, His bride. (*Familiaris Consortio*) ... The family, we said, is the hearth from which the light of love spreads out to vivify the structures of society. ... Significantly, the mission of the Church can be described in similar terms. The Church exists, after all, to radiate God's love into the world. The Church is the sacrament of love that both shows forth and effects man's union with God and man's union with man (see *Lumen Gentium*).

Family Reflections

1. How do we as a family allow our light to shine before others in the world? How do we think of and care for others outside of our family?
2. What can we do to allow ourselves to be God's missionaries and to radiate his love into the world?
3. Do we live our family life as missionary disciples? Do we allow Jesus' word to dwell in our family and to teach us what it means to love? How can we do more to build up one another for the mission of love?

Scripture Reading

Psalm 144:1-3; 9-15 A prayer of thanksgiving for God's faithfulness
Blessed be the LORD, my rock, who trains my hands for battle, my fingers for war; My safeguard and my fortress, my stronghold, my deliverer, My shield, in whom I take refuge, who subdues peoples under me. O God, a new song I will sing to you; on a ten-stringed lyre I will play for you. You give victory to kings; you delivered David your servant. From the menacing sword deliver me; rescue me from the hands of foreign foes. Their mouths speak untruth; their right hands are raised in lying oaths. May our sons be like plants well nurtured from their youth, our daughters, like carved columns, shapely as those of the temple. May our barns be full with every kind of store. May our sheep increase by thousands, by tens of thousands in our fields; may our oxen be well fattened. May there be no breach in the walls, no exile, no outcry in our streets. Blessed the people so fortunate; blessed the people whose God is the LORD.

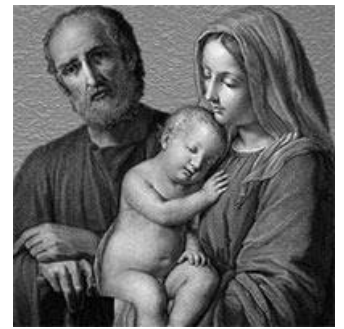
Family Project

Set aside a Sunday afternoon this month to pray the rosary together as a family. Consider having a family brunch before praying, and talk to your children about the rosary and how it is prayed. Pray especially for peace in your family and for the healing of family wounds.

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THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS

NOVEMBER

Faith In Action: Family Spiritual Renewal Day

By virtue of baptism and the sacramental graces of marriage, the Christian family is built into a communion of saints. Holiness is a gift given to every baptized Christian that becomes a joyful task for the whole of life.

Breaking Open the Theme

Like the Church herself, the domestic church is called to be a communion of saints. Our response to the call to holiness is important if we are to become the family God wants us to be. We may think of saints as people who lived long ago or are far removed from our everyday experiences. But the saints are close at hand, and God wants to make each of us a saint. Each member of the family has the task of helping the others to grow in holiness through faith, hope and love. There are many examples of canonized saints and beatified blessed who can inspire families today. One example of a modern-day saint is Blessed Chiara Luce Badano, who was born in 1971. At the age of 17, she was diagnosed with a serious and painful illness. Faced with this cross, Chiara prayed and found the courage to accept this as part of God's loving plan for her. During the whole time of her illness, she turned everything into an opportunity to love. As she lay dying at the age of 18, she said to her mother, "oh Mamma. ... You see I can't run anymore, but how I would like to pass on to them [young people] the torch [of faith], like in the Olympics! Young people have only one life and it's worthwhile to spend it well." Becoming a saint is like running a race. The family is the training ground for this race, where the virtues are taught and character is formed. Through the family, God provides what we need to run it well. To become a saint is simply to cooperate with God and allow him to mold us into the person that he had in mind when he created us. It is his plan to bring us fully to life.

Meditation

From Pope Benedict XVI's General Audience, April 13, 2011

Holiness, the fullness of Christian life, does not consist in carrying out extraordinary enterprises but in being united with Christ, in living his mysteries, in making our own his example, his thoughts, his behavior. The measure of holiness stems from the stature that Christ achieves in us, in as much as with the power of the Holy Spirit, we model our whole life on his. ... What is the soul of holiness? ... What is the essential? The essential means never leaving a Sunday without an encounter with the Risen Christ in the Eucharist; this is not an additional burden but is light for the whole week. It means never beginning and never ending a day without at least a brief contact with God. And, on the path of our life it means following the "signposts" that God has communicated to us in the Ten Commandments, interpreted with Christ, which are merely the explanation of what love is in specific situations. ... We might ask ourselves: can we, with our

limitations, with our weaknesses, aim so high? During the Liturgical Year, the Church invites us to commemorate a host of saints, the ones, that is, who lived charity to the full, who knew how to love and follow Christ in their daily lives. They tell us that it is possible for everyone to take this road. ... I would like to ask all to open themselves to the action of the Holy Spirit, who transforms our life, to be, we too, as small pieces in the great mosaic of holiness that God continues to create in history, so that the face of Christ may shine out in the fullness of its splendor. Let us not be afraid to aim high, for God's heights.

Family Reflections

1. What is holiness?
2. How can we live holiness in the family? How do we love God in the ordinary circumstances of life?
3. How do the saints help us live out holiness?

Scripture Reading

Psalm 98:1-6 A prayer to welcome God's rule over the earth

Sing a new song to the LORD,
for he has done marvelous deeds.
His right hand and holy arm
have won the victory.
The LORD has made his victory known;
has revealed his triumph in the sight of the
nations,
He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness
toward the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen
the victory of our God.
Shout with joy to the LORD, all the earth;
break into song; sing praise.
Sing praise to the LORD with the lyre,
with the lyre and melodious song.

Family Project

Select a few saints and learn about their time period and culture and why they are invoked for specific causes or intentions. Include a dish from their culture during one of your meals. Also, consider making a pilgrimage to a sacred place dedicated to a saint.