



The Carpenter



Fr. Edward Fitzgerald Council No. 12772; 670 West Main Street; Plain City, Ohio 43064

March 2019

Lent begins March 6, Ash Wednesday



Grand Knight's Report

Brother Knights,



March is our 2nd membership recruitment month. We will be recruiting at the fish fries and the weekend of March 16-17 at each mass. We need to recruit 2 members in March and a total of 4 yet this year. Please, if you know anyone, talk to them about joining. We will hopefully be conducting a 1st degree ceremony on Sunday, the 31st of March.

Also March 16-17 will be our second Pizza and Pancakes for Seminarians. We will have pancakes after both masses on Sunday as well as providing some pizza after the Saturday mass.

Brothers, please help your Council by buying or selling the Cash Bonanza tickets you have received, from which we get a healthy rebate to fund our many projects.

Please help recruit anyone you know that you think could be a good brother knight!!

Vivat Jesus

Todd Thobe, Grand Knight

District Deputy's Report



Life is Fragile

On February 17, District Deputy Tristan Marlow and Grand Knight Justin Kime from Council 14987 had left a meeting of College Council officers in Iowa. On their way home they drove in a snow storm on snow and ice covered roads and lost control of their car. They went left of center into the path of a semi-tractor trailer, and were killed.

Both of these Knights were 21 years old and attended the University of Northern Iowa and were active members of their Council and District. They were accomplished young Catholic gentlemen and strong in their faith.

Father Ronald Meyer wrote "when God calls, we go, and they who follow God's call from here to heaven give God great glory. May God grant all who mourn this tragedy the strength of faith and the blessing of peace that comes with fond memories of genuine friendships, cherished relationships and authentic goodness."



May the perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

Vivat Jesus

Jeff Fisher, District Deputy

March Dates to Remember

March 1-2 St. Tarcisus program; PAC	March 16-17: Membership Recruiting, all Masses
March 6: Ash Wednesday; Lent begins	March 16-17: Pizza/Pancakes for Seminarian collection, all Masses
March 8: 5:30pm; 1st Fish Fry	March 22: Fish Fry, PAC
March 13: 7:30pm Business Meeting, Church.	March 27: 7:30pm Social Meeting, PAC
March 15: Fish Fry, PAC	March 29: Fish Fry, PAC

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February Business Meeting Notes

Grand Knight's Report

- Meeting called to order at 7:30PM. Opening prayer by GK Todd Thobe. Previous minutes approved.
- One new Membership application received, Daniel Edwards, Son in Law of Brother Mark Needham.
- The Basketball Free Throw event was a great success with 69 participants. Districts will be February 24th.
- Thank you letters received from both DNA and the Plain City Food Pantry for our recent support.
- The Columbus Catholic Men's Conference is Saturday February 23.

Treasurer's Report

- Current bank balance noted.
- Income included \$720 refund from Football Bonanza Ticket refunds.
- \$ 400 paid out for Council Bowling party.

Financial Secretary's Report

- \$180.60 to Supreme for Council Supplies. \$50 to Phil Powers for Postage Fees. \$52.98 to Greg Wayton for office supplies. \$320 for the Columbus Men's Conference.
- Semi Annual Audit covering July 1 to December 31 Completed. Opening balance of \$15623.79 plus deposits of \$5130. Disbursements of \$11,415.27 leaving Net balance of \$9338.52.
- \$7,789.90 balance of our scholarship endowment fund.

Unfinished Business

- Work has begun on the Council Website. An update was provided by the website administrator and any input provided to be addressed.

New Business

- 10 Super Cash Bonanza tickets will be sent to each Knight to sell. Turn in by April 1st.
- Annual Scholarship application requests have been posted. Applications due by March 25th.
- Friday March 8th will be the First Fish Fry. Please respond to the scheduling email with dates that you can help.
- \$118 approved for two new Banners for the Fish Fry dinners.
- Motion made, and passed to give new members who purchase an insurance product thru the Knights a three-year waiver from annual dues.
- Fr. Trapp has requested \$1,000 to purchase two new sets of vestments. This can be covered thru existing budget. Will be addressed at later meeting.

- Jon Santini will be running a St. Tarcisus program at the PAC March 1-2. It's a program for Altar Servers and Boys and Girls ages 11 and up, consisting of various activities and table discussions. Moderators and chaperones are needed for daytime and overnight timeframe. Please contact Jon Santini for more information or to volunteer.

Good of the Order

Bernadette Dowling, Mike Smith, Mary Raylis Family, Ella Karst, Karl Crook, Rene Dvorsky, Florine Hamlin, Sue Alderman, Elaine Bonacci, Neil Young, Angela Nesbit, Sandi Hilbert, Bishop Campbell, Bishop Brennan, Nora Ludwig, Barbara Sievers, Nikki Mast and child, Daniel Donovan, Mary Sanders, Souls of: Marlene Santini, Douglas Young, Ann Hann, Ann Martin

Program Director's Report

February was a productive month and got us closer to attaining another Star Council award.



We are now at 62% of the state goal, and 88% of the Supreme goal with the following February activities included:

Gifts for Life donated to the Marysville Pregnancy Center – we received over 80 totes of baby products and 3 car seats all worth approximately \$5000 in value (thank you John Ciuca for coordinating this successful activity). This event will be repeated next year.

Catholic Men's Conference – to take credit for this activity we needed 10% of our membership attending. We had 13 members attend totaling 12%. I would encourage anyone who has not attended the conference to consider it for next year.

As we begin March, the first activity coming to mind is Lent which also means fish fry Fridays. This activity is very important since the dollars collected fund many of our charitable endeavors. The next activity important to making Star Council is the March membership drive. We need to recruit a total 4 new members by the end of June to get to our goal numbers. We will be recruiting after masses the weekend of 3/16 -3/17, but your efforts outside of this are just as important.

Thanks to all who participated in February's events. Stay warm and think Spring!

Vivat Jesus!
Greg Wayton

The Chat Corner ...

A Place of Hope and Healing

By Lori Crock



I recently had the privilege of learning about the National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help in Champion, Wisconsin, 17 miles north of Green Bay. I believe that making a pilgrimage to a shrine where Our Holy Mother appeared is both holy and healthy, so I am sharing the story with you.

This shrine is the site where our Our Holy Mother appeared to a young Belgian-born woman, Sister Adele Brise, 160 years ago in 1859. The apparition was formally approved on December 8, 2010, by Bishop David Ricken, **becoming the first Marian apparition approved by the Catholic Church in the United States.** In 2016, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) officially designated these grounds as a National Shrine.

The National Shrine is open every day of the year, and welcomed 160,000 visitors last year, and continues to welcome pilgrims from around the world, including Australia, Indonesia and the Philippines.

Much like the apparition sites of Lourdes, Fatima and Guadalupe, the National Shrine is the site of numerous miracles and graces to this day.

National Shrine Marketing and Development Director Corrie Campbell said that when people visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help, they experience an “overwhelming peace, healing grace and a heaven-like feeling that can often be quite emotional. Many carry this in their hearts for their entire lifetime. Many young people come and experience the joy of hope and healing in this holy place which is so needed in our times.”

The story of Our Lady of Good Help began in the Fall of 1859 when Our Holy Mother appeared three times to Sister Adele Brise and asked her to teach the children in the area about their Catholic faith.

Our Holy Mother had already appeared twice to Adele between two trees – one a maple, the other hemlock – along a rural trail. When she appeared for the third and final time, young Adele asked, “What more can I do, dear Lady?” Mary’s direction was simple: “Gather the children in this wild country and teach them what they should know for salvation.”

“But how shall I teach them who know so little myself?” Adele asked.

Mary replied, “Teach them their catechism, how to sign themselves with the sign of the Cross, and how to approach the sacraments; that is what I wish you to do. Go and fear nothing. I will help you.” Adele devoted the rest of her life to spreading Mary’s good news.

In 1871, there was a great fire in the area and the families that Adele visited gathered at the site of Our Holy Mother’s visits to pray the Rosary for the safety of their community. The fire raged and burned everything around them, but the fire stopped exactly at the line of the Shrine location.

Today the National Shrine enjoys the help of 200 volunteers—most of whom had their lives touched by Our Lady of Good Help in some way as many are the great grandchildren of those who experienced Our Holy Mother’s intercession during the great fire.

The National Shrine offers Masses and special events throughout the year. May we all prayerfully consider making a pilgrimage to this holy and beautiful wooded location in Wisconsin to grow closer to Jesus through Our Holy Mother. Our Lady of Good Help, pray for us!

Lori Crock can be found online at
www.holyandhealthycatholic.com.

Generous Parish Response to Council's Gifts for Life Program

St. Joseph parishioners again showed their generosity for Charity concerns with an overwhelming response to our Council 12772 Gifts for Life program.

Organized by DGK John Ciuca, the program symbolized the journey of the Magi to bring gifts and pay homage to the newborn Baby Jesus. Donated Parish gifts were placed by the Manger Scenes at both the church and the PAC over an extended period after Christmas. All gifts were delivered to the Pregnancy Resource Center In Marysville.

Eye-catching red and white tote bags were provided to facilitate donations.

Over 500 collected items included 94 packs of diapers, 51 baby bottles, 19 infant thermometers, 16 nail trimmers, 46 pacifiers, 45 blankets, 105 baby wipes, 40 tubes of diaper cream, multiple baby wash, shampoo and lotions, baby food and treats, socks, crib sheets, bibs, diaper bags and 3 baby car seats.

Kathleen Shanks, Director of the Pregnancy Resource Center said "it is hard to find a superlative to express our overwhelming gratitude for the love the people of St. Joseph Church and their Knights of Columbus Council demonstrated for our mommas, babies and families"

This successful program will likely be repeated in future Holiday seasons.



John and Kathleen Shanks shown with some of the gifts following delivery to the Pregnancy Resource



This three-day-old baby has already received some of the gifts from St. Joseph Church.



Council Brothers attend Catholic Mens' Conference

Council 12772 had a total of 13 men attending the recent Catholic men's Conference held on February 23. In the photo are Bros. Wayton, Powers, Thobe, Dvorsky, Needham, Colopy and Balmert, plus Vince Davis, a Dublin firefighter who attends St. Joseph . Others attending were Brothers Fisher, Deacon Tony, Haaser and Donovan; also St. Joseph Music Director Greg Elchert.

Council 12772 Winter Bowling Party another booming success

Some 35 adults, their families and friends gathered at Plain City Lanes on Sunday afternoon, February 10, to enjoy our Council's annual afternoon of bowling, again organized by Brother Mark Needham. The Council provided all the lane fees and lots of pizza.



Fun for the families



...and the men....



...and the women...



...and the kids...



...and the smaller kids...



...and even the spectators!

Council 12772 District winners move on to Regional Championships

Congratulations to the 5 winners representing our St. Joseph Knights of Columbus Council #12772 in the District free throw shooting competition held on Sunday, February 24. These competitors won at our January Free Throw Contest held at Jonathan Alder JHS, qualifying them for the District competition.

With their win in this latest competition, they have all qualified for the Regionals at Bishop Ready next weekend! Congrats and again, good luck at Regionals!

Many thanks go to Brother Scott Heiss for his continuing efforts to coordinate these opportunities for our young folk.



Left to right: 9-year-old-boys, Jake Bauer; 11-year-old-boys, Jake Bauer; 12-year-old-boy, Cam Potter; 14-year-old-boys, Carter Harrington, 14-year-old-girls, Danielle Phipp.