



The Knights kick of 2018 with heartfelt thanks for all of the support we have received this past year from the St. Mary Parish Community. We appreciate being a part of such a vibrant Parish Community. Aided by your assistance during 2017 we accomplished many great works of charity:

- Held our annual Parish Free Throw Contest in January, and hosted the district competition in February. Special thanks to **Brother Knight Tim O'Connell** who does an outstanding job running this event.
- In March, organized and graded the annual K of C essay contest for 8th grade students at St. Mary's School. The essay theme was "Defending the Right of Religious Freedom" and the council chose one male and one female winner. A special thanks to **Brother Knight John Fisher** who has run this program for many years.
- In April and November, we continued our long-standing Parish tradition of delivering food boxes to those in need at Ballard Green and Congregate care. Special thanks to all those who supported these works with donations, especially our youth volunteers.
- During these time periods we also opened our doors to our Parish as we hosted 2 fantastic social events at Keeler Tavern. **Brother Knight Mark Hance** coordinated a wonderful evening for families to learn more about the Order and consider Knighthood.
- Honoring our deceased brothers & service members with a dedicated Memorial Day weekend Mass & flag placement ceremony at St. Mary's Cemetery. Special thanks to **Brother Knight Andy Deem**, also our financial secretary, who organizes these events.
- In September, through the generosity of our Parish, St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton and the entire Ridgefield community, raised record setting funds to support Special Olympics, Sunrise Cottage and St. Catherin's Academy. Special thanks to **Brother Knights Jack Laber** and Brian Martin for their efforts.
- In late September, Brother Knights internally raised funds to support St. Mary's international outreach activities in Latin America. The check was presented in October.
- In November, in coordination with Msgr. Bronkiewicz and our Parish Staff, held a Teaching Mass at St. Mary's. Special thanks to **Carolyn Haitsh** and **Richard Camuso** for their efforts in coordinating this event.
- In December, we helped our Parish community prepare for Christmas. Hosting our annual Breakfast with Santa and Crèche building activities served as reminders on the importance of keeping Christ in Christmas.
- Welcomed 11 new Knights to the order.