

Knights of Columbus

Council 8669



G O O D S H E P H E R D P A R I S H

FAITHFUL KNIGHTS SERVE!

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Message from Grand Knight Patrick Bisson, Jr. "Faithful Knights Serve!"**
- **Programming**
- **Membership**
- **Split Wood for Life**
- **Supreme Archbishop William Lori**
- **Knight's Fish Fry**

In our readings this month, James says 'How does it help, my brothers, when someone who has never done a single good act claim to have faith? Will that faith bring salvation? (James 2:14) We know in our Catechism/RCIA teaching that good works and deeds alone do not grant us salvation. But where do good works and deeds fit in our Faith? "If one of our brothers or one of our sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? (James 2:15-16)



sion, and his dedication to building a better world.

"But someone may say: So you have faith and I have good deeds? Show me this faith of yours without deeds, then! It is by my deeds that I will show you my faith. (James 2:18).

Faith existing without works denies faith its purpose in glorifying God! Much like our bodies need breath, our faith needs works or it lacks energy or any activity. Faithful Knights and Believers would live according to their faith so as to produce good works.

It is our Faith that prompts us to help, to serve, to dedicate, to do good works and to do good deeds. It is in the very nature of a committed, faithful Knight to provide for the needy, to give to the less fortunate and to be good stewards of the Church. As leaders and brother Knights, we can be excited about the desire to serve and explore the opportunity to serve our faith. Demonstrating our faith through service is as powerful as it is rewarding. Knights of Columbus offers

unique programs that help men to live out their commitment to the Catholic faith and their desire to serve family, parish, and community. It is through the Knights of Columbus Faith in Action program, every day, Knights are given opportunities to make a difference - whether through community service, raising money, or prayer. We celebrate each and every Knight for his strength, his compas-

When someone asks and says, "It is possible to have faith without doing kind deeds." Answer back and say, "Prove that you have faith without doing kind deeds, and I will prove that I have faith by doing them."

Faithful Knights serve!

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY

Make plans with family, friends and fellow Parishioners to have dinner with us at the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry! Every Friday at the Knight's Hall from 4pm-7pm. Dine In or Take out.

Atlantic Cod, Fantail Shrimp or Chicken Tenders, roll, and slaw. \$13.50 per dinner. \$1.50 discount with cash.

Support our Knights!
Support our Parish!



SPLIT WOOD FOR LIFE

'Split Wood for Life' was coined by Father Gordon Reigle in 2017 in conversation with our Life Advocate Jim Hall. The name stuck. Since then, our Knights of Columbus have received donated trees which our Council splits and stacks the wood. The wood is sold to community members in our area at below market prices. All the proceeds are deposited into our Culture of Life account and distributed by approval of our Council to local charities that support

life. Since it's inception, our Council has earned in excess of \$15,000 and monetary contributions include Flint Area Right to Life, Answer Center and The Impact Center. Our contribution to Luke Project 52 Pregnancy Health Center helped purchased a 4D Ultrasound machine.

If you or a friend or family member has a tree down in the area, please call Jim Hall at (810) 639-2551 and we can arrange to pick it up.

Vivat Jesus!



Life Advocate and Wood for Life Director Jim Hall with Fourth Degree Knight Brandon Deloney.

C O R P R O G R A M B U I L D I N G F A I T H

The Knights of Columbus empowers Catholic men to live their faith and serve their family, parish, community, and country.

The mission of *Cor* is to refocus Catholic men on Jesus Christ and to form and strengthen them in faith and virtue through a brotherhood committed to **prayer, formation, and fraternity**. The goal of each *COR* gathering is to provide the opportunity for men to encounter Christ, to pray together, to be formed in their faith, and to strengthen

their bonds of brotherhood, preparing them for courageous leadership and the **mission of evangelization** for their families and communities.



Our next COR Program is September 11, 6:30pm in the Knight's Hall, then in two weeks on Sept. 25. All men of the parish are welcome to come and enjoy growing in their spiritual walk with others. Invite a friend or family member!

M E S S A G E F R O M S U P R E M E C H A P L A I N A R C H B I S H O P W I L L I A M L O R I

Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him "Master, I want to see." (Mark 10:51) The blind man asked for healing, but this story is about something greater than physical sight. Once he receives his sight from Jesus, the man "followed him on his way." When someone encounters

Christ and sees the truth of who he is, the only proper response is to follow that truth – to follow Christ on his way. Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori: This month, I challenge you to find one way that you can help a family member, friend or coworker to more clearly

see the truth of Christ and to follow him. **Questions for Reflection:** Do you watch for opportunities to lead confused individuals to Christ? Do you have the courage to share the truth of Christ with others? Do you speak the truth gently and clearly, so that others are able to see and understand your point?

We would like to announce a new member Mike Benedict to our Council! Please give a warm welcome when you meet him. Scheduled Exemplification on Sunday 10/6, 12:30 after Mass.

**MESSAGE FROM DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT
PAUL SHARPE**

Brother Knights,
As always, I want to thank all of the men who take the time to volunteer for this organization. We are already several months into the Fraternal year, and we have promptly kicked off a few programs. One such program we do is the Split Wood for Life program. Many of you know that this program is actually how I became familiar with the Knights of Columbus. Since a very young age, my family has assisted for years the splitting and hauling of wood which instilled in me a tremendous work ethic and a true appreciation for service to help a cause. The Knights

of Columbus made quite an impression on me. What the Knights are trying to accomplish through our Split Wood for Life is much more honorable; the abolition of abortion. Now that 'Roe v. Wade', the law that condones killing infants and the most heinous law that has ever plagued our society, has been overturned, there is still much more to do. That is why any program or charity, like Split Wood for Life, that battles abortion is so much more than just "good work." Any program that helps save the life of an unborn baby is a program that does the work of the mighty hand of God!
Vivat Jesus,
Paul Sharpe

**MARIST
POLL™**



A Majority of Americans Support
Legal Limits on Abortion, and
Oppose Taxpayer Funding



**MESSAGE FROM FAITH DIRECTOR
TODD OSTROWSKI**

A tradition of old was to buy a newspaper from a young man standing on a street corner yelling, "READ ALL ABOUT IT!" This newspaper contained information that was useful to many different people in different situations. However, they might not get any news without that young man. Picture the day of Pentecost when Peter delivered the news of Christ's Resurrection and Ascension to the Israelites. On

this day, Peter proclaimed the Good News by way of the Holy Spirit. That day did not come from a desire to peddle news to make a few extra bucks. Rather, it was to offer the news of Christ's sacrifice that was done for their salvation. Moreover, what they had to do to acquire this salvation. (Acts 2:38) As Catholic Christians and Knights, we are not asked to share the Good News as a suggestion but rather a com-

mand to do so like Peter was, as detailed in Matthew 28:16-20. "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations." I encourage you to ask the Holy Spirit to guide you when you evangelize the Gospel. Also, when doing so, do not forget to say at the top of your lungs, "READ ALL ABOUT IT!" It is a soul-saving phrase. Have a blessed month!

Todd Ostrowski

*"Go, therefore,
and make
disciples of all
Nations."
Matthew 28:19*

**MESSAGE FROM MEMBERSHIP
DIRECTOR DOUG POWELL**


Worthy Brothers,
Before approaching a candidate, we should be able to relate "Why We Became a Knight", and "Why We Remain a Knight." Let me start!
My journey to Knighthood is non-typical. I was not Catholic, but my friend and brother-in-law, Worthy Don Pollard asked if I would like to help with the

Fish Fry. Over the many years, I experienced the Knight's role in helping the Church and becoming a positive part of our community. Through prayer and studying the Word, it became evident in my heart and mind that I wanted to be a part of the Catholic faith. This solidified

the value and purpose I was seeking in my life. After being confirmed Catholic, our Worthy DD Don Pollard asked me about becoming a Knight and walked me through exemplifications. I am not young, but as a new Catholic, I saw in the Knights, an association of men serving their Parish, their Faith

and their community with an emphasis on family. I embraced the mission of Catholic gentleman and have cherished my decision ever since. Why did you become a Knight and why do you remain a Knight?
It's a great conversation starter!

Tempus Fugit. Memento
Mori


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Faith Director: Todd Ostrowski

**PRAYER FOR THE CANONIZATION OF
BLESSED FATHER MCGIVNEY**

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest Blessed Father McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that

we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Father McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (*here make your request*) Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

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