

Memorial Mass Nov 6th 7:00PM

Holy Spirit Chapel

Please bring your family & friends to our annual Mass to remember our deceased Brother Knights. Refreshments and fellowship will follow. Sir Knights are asked to turn out in full regalia.

Council Retreat Nov 8th 11:30 AM

Fathers Girard & Stalla are joining forces to lead the annual men's retreat at Fr. Ragan. We will begin with a light meal with sessions to follow shortly thereafter. This years theme is: Being a Catholic Man through sacrifice, leadership, and witness. The sessions are scheduled to conclude by 4:30 PM and will include an opportunity for confessions. Following the retreat, dinner from Bubba-Q's will be provided. This event is open to all catholic men. Call or e-mail Scott Gedeon to let him know how much bar-b-que sauce to order.
(440-823-7788/geideon4@oh.rr.com)

Calling all Turkeys—Nov 20th 6:00PM

The turkeys are being harvested, the wheel has been greased and it spins like crazy, and the beer is on tap. All is in readiness for the Fr. Ragan Turkey Raffle being held on Thursday November 20th. At Fr Ragan Hall. Doors open at 6:00 PM with the spinning of the wheel to begin at 7:00 PM. This exciting evening of gobbler giving is open to anyone who has the courage to show up. Bring your friends. Bring your neighbors. Bring your ugly step sister if you want. Everyone has fun and a bunch of folks leave with Thanksgiving dinner. Entry tickets are \$3.00 each with raffle tickets going for 50¢ each.

Light up for Christ Dec 2nd 7:30 PM

This is another opportunity for families to join us as we celebrate the beginning of the Holy Christmas Season. Knights from all over the world will be participating at the same time in this prayerful beginning of the holidays. Deacon Bob Walling will be conducting the ceremony with the Sir Knights of Lt McManus Assembly lending their support. Refreshments will follow the ceremony.

Quarterly Communion November 23rd

Everyone is welcome to join the Knights of Fr Ragan and their families as we celebrate our second Quarterly Communion of the Fraternal Year on Sunday November 23rd at Holy Spirit Parish in Avon Lake at the 10:30 AM Mass. Sir Knights are asked to turn out in full regalia to add to the solemnity of the occasion.

Coffee, doughnuts and fellowship to follow.

Encourage any friends that may be interested in joining our ranks to take part of the freebie food. You never know if a man is interested unless you ask. For more details, or to request your favorite doughnuts, call Rob Garrett at 933-7898.

Isabella Guild Notes

The October meeting of the Isabella Guild will be on Tuesday November 11th at 7:00 PM at Fr Ragan Hall. Membership is open to any Catholic Woman. Feel free to stop by and join in the fun. Guests are always welcome. This is a great chance to spend a night away from the old man and have a good time to boot.

4th Degree News

The Sir Knights of Lt McManus Assembly will meet on Tuesday November 18th at Elyria Council at 8:00 PM. Any Third Degree Knight who is interested in advancing in our order should contact Mike Moore, 933-9957 or any 4th Degree Knight. It's not to early to begin the process toward Exemplification of the Patriotic Degree which will be held in June 2009

Up Coming Dates to Remember

- December 5th & 6th KofC Wrestling Tournament at Avon Lake High School
- December 7th Senior's Dinner 1:00 PM
- December 13th Isabella Christmas Party 7:00 PM
- December 21st Children's Christmas Party 1:00 PM

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
OCTOBER 26	27	28	29	30	31	NOVEMBER 1
			Ohio Pet Placement Bingo 		Fr Ragan Bingo 	ALL SAINTS DAY 
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS 		ELECTION DAY 	Ohio Pet Placement Bingo 	FR RAGAN MEMORIAL MASS HOLY SPIRIT CHAPEL 7:00 PM 	Fr Ragan Bingo 	Fr Ragan 2 nd Annual Retreat 11:30 AM-4:30 PM
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
		Meeting 7:00 PM Isabella Guild Veterans Day 	Ohio Pet Placement Bingo 	7:30 PM FR Ragan Charitable Foundation Meeting	R 	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		Lt McManus Assy Meeting 8:00 PM Elyria 	Ohio Pet Placement Bingo 	Turkey Raffle Doors Open 6:00 Wheel Spins at 7:00 PM 	Fr Ragan Bingo 	
 23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Quarterly Communion Holy Spirit 10:30 AM			Ohio Pet Placement Bingo 	THANKSGIVING 	Fr Ragan Bingo 	
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ADVENT BEGINS						

Grand Knight's Message — “The Courage to be Catholic”

This month, we as citizens have the tremendous responsibility of selecting our next President. Our Bishops have been clear that we must be informed citizens and must not leave our Catholic values at the door when entering the polls. The Supreme Knight has also been clear that we must stop finding reasons to support those candidates who do not support the Culture of Life. At several of our recent meetings, Father Gerard has also echoed the sentiments of our leaders—we as Catholics cannot support those who believe that abortion is anything other than the intentional taking of innocent human life.

While currently disguised as a “right” flowing from the judicially fabricated Constitutional “right of privacy,” we cannot stop calling abortion what it really is – no matter how few believe what we believe. Our faith and morals are founded in Truth and are supported through the generations by the lives of learned and faithful persons who we now acknowledge as members of the Communion of the Saints. It is our duty as Knights to defend life and acknowledge the sanctity of every human person both born and unborn.

It is easy to get discouraged and simply say, “The abortion battle is lost, I might as well select the guy who will make sure I have healthcare coverage or will create new jobs.” We must avoid this temptation and cannot be swayed by the propaganda of our adversaries. No, we as Catholics have more of a voice than the liberal secular left will acknowledge. There are currently four practicing Catholics on the United States Supreme Court, with the Chief Justice among them.

In several states, Catholics have united in efforts to get “Personhood Amendments” to state constitutions on the ballot. These provisions seek to make abortion illegal in that state therefore, setting up a Constitutional showdown that would give the Supreme Court the opportunity to overrule *Roe v. Wade*. And contrary to what the liberal left will tell you, there are several compelling legal arguments that can and will be advanced in time to overrule *Roe v. Wade*.

Be strong, stand up for Truth, and have the courage to be Catholic.

In closing, I want to congratulate our Warden, Mike Collins, and his wife, Laurann, on the birth of their son, Timothy James, on October 12.

Vivat Jesus,

