

# Grand Knight's Message

"His name is Mercy"

I have mentioned his name before and will mention it again, Father John Corapi. As you may know, Father Corapi is well known for his retreats, talks, and weekly series on EWTN. He teaches the Catholic faith from the Catechism and is not afraid of acknowledging that his finite mind cannot comprehend the fully mystery of God, creation, and eternity. He roots his faith in the sacraments and the rosary and unabashedly upholds the authority of our Church.

There is some of John Corapi in all of us. Born in upstate New York, Father Corapi's early years were marked by an absentee father and the tragic death of his sister in her teen years. Father Corapi was a star football player during high school and served in Vietnam. Following college, Father Corapi moved to Las Vegas and became a multimillionaire who lived the lifestyle of a rock star. He then moved to Los Angeles where women, alcohol, and cocaine were his vices. He partied with the Hollywood elite and wound up penniless, homeless, and was ultimately institutionalized as a result of cocaine addiction. While strapped to a table in a mental institution because of suicidal and homicidal ideation, Father Corapi asked for death. Instead, he received a revelation from the Blessed Mother. He in turn returned to the Church and ultimately was ordained a Roman Catholic priest at the Vatican by Pope John Paul the Great in 1991. He has often said that as a priest he has heard no worse confession than the one he made when he returned to the Church.

While we often hear that "God is love," Father Corapi eschews an alternative truth regarding our Heavenly Father, "God is mercy." We all need mercy for our failures and shortcomings and should find solace that God's mercy for us is without limits.

Vivat Jesus,  
Scott Gedeon

## Free Throw Competition Jan 25th

Our Worthy Warden Mike Collins is looking for a few helpers to assist with this years Free Throw Competition that will be held Sunday January 25th at St Joseph School Gym in Avon Lake. The competition is scheduled to begin about 1:30 PM and should not take more than an hour of so. If you are able to help out call Mike at 930-7293. No prior experience nor special skill is required of helpers and it's a fun experience.

# Meeting Night Change

- Our first **Business Meeting** of the new year has been changed to Thursday **January 8th** at 8:00 PM, to avoid a conflict with your partying and football watching on New Year's Day.
- Our Social Meeting remains scheduled for Thursday January 15th However the starting time has been moved up to **7:30 PM** and it is **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**. This is to provide ample time for audience questions for our guest speaker, Mr. Ryan Gates, of the new Avon Professional Baseball Team, the Lake Erie Crushers. Get the inside scoop on what's happening with the new stadium, how to get tickets, and what we can expect during this inaugural season
- Mark your calendars for our social meeting scheduled for February 19th also at **7:30 PM**. A representative of the YMCA, who will operate the new Avon Recreation Center, will be on hand to describe the current status of the project and what programs will be offered. The Recreation Center which is to be located adjacent to the new Avon Professional Baseball Park just off Colorado Avenue, south of Miller Road in Avon, is currently being designed and, with luck, construction will be completed in 2009. Come on down and offer your suggestions as to what you would like to see included. **THIS EVENT IS ALSO OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.**

## 1st & 2nd Degrees Jan 29th

There is still time to sign up your friend or neighbor before our next 1st Degree Scheduled for January 29th. Candidate call is at 7:30 PM with the 1st Degree beginning at 8:00 PM. After a short break the second degree will follow with food and fellowship to complete the evening. What a better way to start the new year than to welcome our newest members. Whether you recently took your own first or second degree, or whether you have been a member for 30 years, come on down. You will be amazed at how much you have forgotten since you were the new candidate.

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# Special Fundraiser

## February 7th

Plans are under way for a special fundraiser to be held on Saturday February 7th at Fr. Ragan Hall.

A young man by the name of Derric Williams, a 9 year old boy with inoperable brain cancer, is in need of our help. Specific details are not finalized as of press time but the date is firm.

We are looking for volunteers to assist with the promotion, administration and clean up for this event. Anyone interested are asked to contact GK Scott Gedeon at 440-823-7788 or via e-mail at [gedeon4@oh.rr.com](mailto:gedeon4@oh.rr.com).

Plans include a dinner and silent auction. Donations of items for the auction would be greatly appreciated.













Be sure to mark your calendars and check the February Ragan Report for complete details.

### **Isabella News**

**Tuesday January 13th at 7:00 P.M. is the time & place of the first Isabella Guild Meeting of 2009.**

**The meeting will consist of a Pizza Fest followed by a special program conducted by a local bee keeper. Our speaker will inform the ladies of the importance of keeping the local bee population healthy and will provide interesting facts about our little buddies.**

# January 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 NEW YEARS DAY NO MEETING	2 Fr Ragan Bingo 	3
4	5	6	7 Pet Placement Bingo 	8 Officers 6:30 PM Business Meeting 8:00PM	9 Fr Ragan Bingo 	10
11	12	13  <b>Isabella Guild</b> <small>of Father Ragan Council No. 3269 Knights of Columbus</small> 7:00 PM	14 Pet Placement Bingo 	15 Social Meeting 7:30 PM	16 Fr Ragan Bingo 	17
18	19	20 Lt McManus Assy 8:00PM 	21 Pet Placement Bingo 	22 Foundation 7:30PM	23 Fr Ragan Bingo 	24
25 Free Throw Contest St Joe's 1:30 PM 	26	27	28 Pet Placement Bingo 	29	30 Fr Ragan Bingo 	31