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Grand Knight Report...

Hello Brother Knights. Our Council had a Fantastic February. On Sunday, February 7, we held a Quarterly Communion at St. Joseph Church in Avon Lake followed by a membership drive in the Social Hall. Keep your eyes out for Deacon Keith, he definitely wants to be apart of our great organization.

On Saturday February 13, we had the 6th Annual Wine Tasting event at the hall. Everything was fabulous. I want to thank Paul Bires and his wife Kiki from The Wine Cellar in Amherst for donating their time and talents for the wine tasting part of the evening as well as the generous dona-

tion they made to our Student Scholarship Fund. We raised over \$3600. Thank you to everyone that made this event a success including many of the local businesses in Avon & Avon Lake that donated gifts for our silent auction. Thank you to J&L Smith, Misencik Funeral Home, and Ray's Auto Body for supporting our event program. Finally, thank you to our Brother Knight, Brian Mulholland, for his generous donation directly to our Student Scholarship Fund. What a great evening it was. I can't wait for the 7th Annual Wine Tasting & Dinner Dance next year.

On Sunday February 14, the District Free Throw Shooting Contest was held at St. Ambrose in Brunswick. We had three winners from our Council contest that will be moving on to the Regional contest at St. Hilary's in Fairlawn on Sunday March 6. Congratulations to my daughter, 11 year old girls winner, Shannon McHenry, 11year old boys winner, Noah Grendzynski, and 14 year old boys winner Ryan Marshall. Good luck in the regionals.

On February 17, we held a First Degree Ceremony at the Hall, of which 2 new candidates were exemplified. Congratulations to Brother Marty Patton and Brother Paul Uhler. Welcome to our fine organization.

On February 18, more than 20 Brother Knights attended the Holy Trinity Evening of Reflection, "Entering The Mystery of the Passion" with Fr. Lester Knoll, OFM Capuchin. What a beautiful evening. Thank you to everyone that attended.

I would like to thank everyone that my wife was able to contact for the Surprise Birthday party on February 20th that she held for my 50th Birthday. I was so overcome with joy to walk in to that room and see family, friends, and an overwhelming number of Brother Knights and their Lady's. It was the best birthday I ever had. Thank you so much for sharing that with me.

We had the Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at Holy Trinity on March 2 at 8:00pm led by our Chaplin Fr. Gerard. The turn-out was spectacular. Thank you to Fr. Gerard for arranging this beautiful evening.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for upcoming events to include the 3rd Degree Exemplification at the Hall on Wednesday Day March 9, 2016. All Second Degree Knights can contact me for details. March 17 Social Meeting will be a prayer Vigil in from off an abortion Clinic located at 12000 Shaker Blvd. We are planning on leaving from the hall at approximately 5:30pm Please join us. On March 22, the Life Share Blood Drive will take place at the hall from 3:30pm-7:30pm. Make an appointment or just stop in. On Holy Saturday, the annual Easter Egg hunt will be held at the hall at 1:00pm. All children or grand children of Brother Knights who are 10 years of age and under are welcome to attend. We will be having a Mass for the Unborn Child at St. Joseph Church on Monday March 28 at 6:30pm. Finally, Super Cash Bonanza tickets are now available. Tickets are only \$5.00. You can't win if you don't buy a ticket.

I hope you all have a wonderful Easter, and may God Bless You.

Vivat Jesus
GK Kevin McHenry

LOCAL PARISH EVENTS

March 4th-5th (St. Joseph - Avon Lake) "Compassion", the musical Passion play that we have enjoyed in past years and which includes the participation of our own parishioners and friends of our parish, will be presented in our church on Friday and Saturday evenings, March 4 & 5, beginning at 7:30. A free will offering will offset the costs of this professional production, which is guaranteed to bless you and your family in your observance of Lent this year.

March 11th (St. Mary - Avon) Living Stations of the Cross. Families and friends are invited to attend the Living Stations performance by Elyria Catholic High School students on Friday, March 11th at 7:00 pm in the church. While praying the stations, you will witness each one come to life in dramatic fashion and feel like you are there, as they explore the thoughts of those who walked with Christ.

March 23rd (St. Joseph - Avon Lake) Annual presentation of "Song of the Shadows," our Tenebrae event, will begin at 7PM. The presentation features a full choir (which includes visitors from neighboring churches) and a chamber orchestra, under the direction of Maestro Harry Pfingsten. It is a meditation of song and a narration of the events of Holy Week, and it is a favorite parish event each year. This evening is appropriate for all ages, so please come and bring your family for Tenebrae.

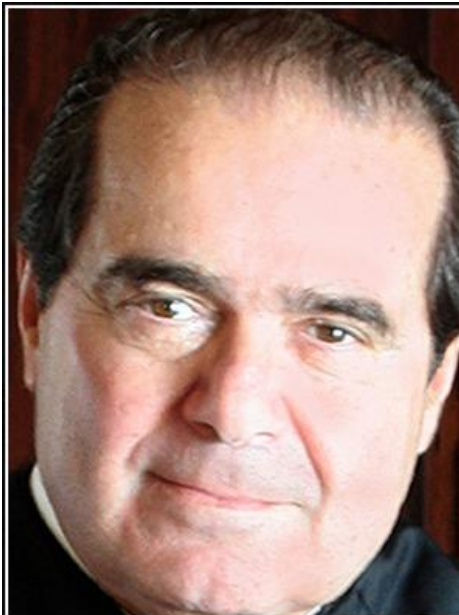


ELYRIA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

PERFORMED BY THE STUDENTS OF ELYRIA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
FRIDAY	MARCH 4TH	7:00 PM	ST. BERNADETTE / WESTLAKE
SUNDAY	MARCH 6TH	3:00 PM	NATIVITY CHURCH / LORAIN
FRIDAY	MARCH 11TH	7:00 PM	ST. MARY / AVON
SUNDAY	MARCH 13TH	7:00 PM	ST. ANTHONY / LORAIN
TUESDAY	MARCH 15TH	9:00 AM	ST. JUDE SCHOOL / ELYRIA
TUESDAY	MARCH 15TH	1:00 PM	HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL / CHURCH AVON
SUNDAY	MARCH 20TH	7:00 PM	HOLY TRINITY CHURCH AVON
WEDNESDAY	MARCH 23RD	9:30 AM	ST. PETER SCHOOL / N. RIDGEVILLE
WEDNESDAY	MARCH 23RD	1:00 PM	ELYRIA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL



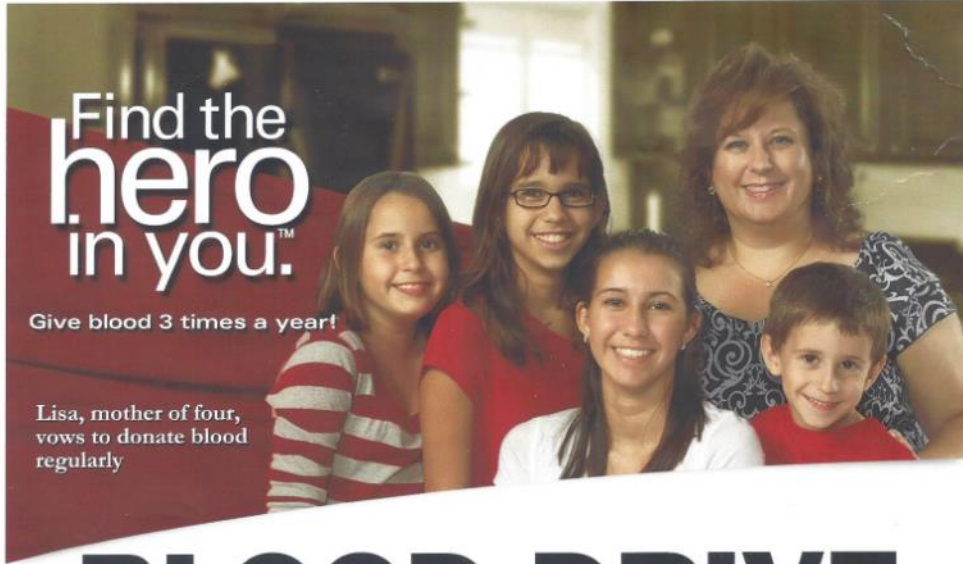
God assumed from the beginning that the wise of the world would view Christians as fools...and He has not been disappointed...If I have brought any message today, it is this: Have the courage to have your wisdom regarded as stupidity. Be fools for Christ. And have the courage to suffer the contempt of the sophisticated world.

— Antonin Scalia —

AZ QUOTES

Council Blood Drive

The Council's K of C Life Share Blood Drive on **March 22, 3:30 PM to 7:30 PM** at the Hall. All donors will get a t-shirt and a hot dog, chips and soda. You can schedule an appointment or you are welcome to walk-in at anytime. For more information contact John Pabin at 440-725-7369.



BLOOD DRIVE

Knights of Columbus

1783 Moore Road

Tuesday, March 22, 2016
3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Free t-shirt to all donors.
Sign up online at www.lifesharedonor.org,
sponsor code: avonknights.
Visit www.lifeshare.cc to learn about
the Loyal for Life Donor Rewards Club.

Council Scholarship Information

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION LETTER

The Father Ragan Charitable Foundation will be awarding scholarships to deserving high school and college students for the 2016-2017 academic years. In order to apply for the scholarship, you must be the son, daughter, grandson, or granddaughter of a current Father Ragan third degree council member whose dues are current, or a deceased Father Ragan third degree council member whose dues were current at the time of his death.

To obtain an application you can 1) email PGK Fred Metz at "fredmetz23@yahoo.com" and an application will be emailed to you, or 2) you can write a letter to PGK Fred Metz, 3979 Woodland Drive, Vermilion, Ohio 44089 with a self-addressed stamped envelope enclosed and an application will be sent to you.

All applications must be returned by regular mail to PGK Fred Metz – address in previous paragraph – by April 8, 2016. Recipients of the scholarships will be notified after the scholarship committee reviews the applications. All applications received after April 8 will be saved for the next year. The scholarships will be awarded on Thursday, May 19, 2016, at the beginning of the Father Ragan Council social meeting that begins at 7:30pm. Attendance at the scholarship presentation would be appreciated.

The value of the scholarships will depend on the number of applicants and the final number of recipients determined by the scholarship committee.

If you have any questions about the application, please contact PGK Fred Metz at (440) 963-0747 or send an email to him.

Free Throw Contestants Advance

Congratulations and good luck to (3) contestants in the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship who advanced from our Council's event on to the District and now on to the Regional Event: Shannon McHenry (St. Joseph Parish), Noah Grendzynski (St. Mary Parish) and Ryan Marshall (St. Mary Parish). The Regional Championship will be March 6th in Fairlawn, OH.



Support Local Fish Fry Events



FISH FRY FRIDAYS IN LENT! ST. JOSEPH PARISH HALL

February 12, 19, 26 and March 4, 11 and 18

5 to 7 pm

Join us for a Lenten Fish Fry!

Looking for a simple way to observe Lenten traditions? Enjoy a meatless meal with your family and friends each Friday evening, then enjoy the option to pray together.

~ 6:00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament ~

~ 7:15 pm Stations of the Cross ~

~ Benediction at the conclusion of the Stations of the Cross ~

**Everyone is welcome,
please bring a friend or neighbor!**

Visit our website for volunteer opportunities or call Cara in the parish office at 440.653.5611.

32929 Lake Road – Avon Lake, OH 44012

MENU

4 piece authentic Lake Erie perch dinner	\$13
6 piece butterfly shrimp dinner	\$13
2 perch & 3 shrimp combo dinner	\$13
Baked cod or salmon	\$10

Dinners Include:

Fries, Cole Slaw, Vegetable or Apple Sauce, Roll & Butter & Dessert

\$2 SIDES

- Cup of Soup
- Cabbage & Noodles
- Mac & Cheese
- Cheese Pizza
- French Fries
- Vegetable

\$1 SIDES

- Coleslaw
- Apple Sauce
- Pierogies
- Garden Salad

BEVERAGES

- Water and juice, ice tea and coffee are included
- Canned pop and bottled water sold separately

Support Local Fish Fry Events



In Holy Trinity's Gym
Dine-in or Carry-out

Holy Trinity Fish Fry

Every Friday during Lent -
Including Good Friday
4:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Lake Perch Dinner \$11

Baked Fish Dinner \$10

Pierogi Dinner \$8

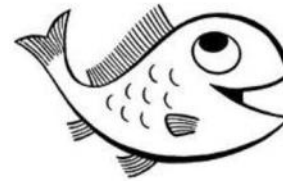
Perch & Pierogi Combo \$13

Shrimp \$11

Kids Menu Available

St. Teresa's Fish Fry!!!

Corner of Abbe & Colorado
Sheffield Village



**Fridays, February 12 - March 25, 2016
4:30p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in Avila Hall**

Easter Egg Hunt

The Council's Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be on Holy Saturday, **March 26th at 1:00PM** on the Council grounds.

All youngsters 10 years of age and under are welcome whether or not they have an association with our Council. Bring your friends and neighbors and enjoy the fun! Weather permitting we will assemble outdoors but if Mother Nature objects we will relocate inside.



March Social Meeting

In place of the normal Social Meeting, all members are invited to attend the 40 Days for Life prayer vigil held at 120th & Shaker Blvd in Cleveland, OH. Anyone who would like to attend is asked to meet at the Knights' Hall at 5:30PM on March 17th to carpool over to the prayer vigil.

Isabella News

The next Isabella Guild meeting will be on Tuesday March 8th and will feature a "fashion show" by Dress Barn.

Topics to be discussed:

- Possible changes to Christmas Party.
- Adding another party or fundraiser.



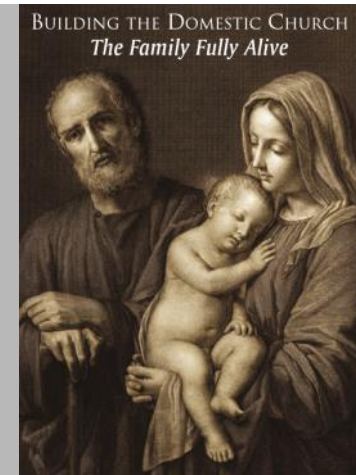
Wine Tasting Photos



In founding the Knights of Columbus Father Michael J. McGivney sought to respond to the crisis in family life affecting Catholics in 19th century America. As a young man he witnessed firsthand the challenges his widowed mother faced with seven children at home. Later, as a priest he confronted on a daily basis the problems affecting the families of his parish community due to poverty, violence, alcoholism, immigration, anti-Catholic prejudice and discrimination.

Father McGivney's vision for family life was not simply that each family might find financial and material aid. He understood that holiness is the calling of all baptized Christians. And, seeing as his two brothers followed him into the priesthood, we can understand how truly important the "sanctuary of the home" was to the McGivney family.

In each upcoming issue of the Ragan Report, another month in the *Family Fully Alive* program that Supreme Council has put together will be featured...



March

Because the joy of all parents is to teach their children the art of living, as parents we want to be the primary educators of our children.

Meditation From St. John Paul II's Familiaris Consortio. The Christian family constitutes a specific revelation and realization of ecclesial communion, and for this reason too it can and should be called "the domestic church." All members of the family, each according to his or her own gift, have the grace and responsibility of building, day by day, the communion of persons, making the family "a school of deeper humanity." ... By means of love, respect and obedience towards their parents, children offer their specific and irreplaceable contribution to the construction of an authentically human and Christian family. They will be aided in this if parents exercise their unrenounceable authority as a true and proper "ministry," that is, as a service to the human and Christian well-being of their children, and in particular as a service aimed at helping them acquire a truly responsible freedom, and if parents maintain a living awareness of the "gift" they continually receive from their children. 1.

What are some similarities between how we learn to live in the family and how we learn to live in the Church? 2. What are some differences between living shallowly and living in a more deeply human manner, a way more fully alive? 3. Realizing that God has not only given us our lives, but also particular family relationships, how should we each give and receive from one another? What are some of the "graces and responsibilities" we each have to contribute to making our family more Christian and more human?

Family Project To help your family participate in building up the spirit of your community, consider organizing a pilgrimage to a sacred place. Such journeys help you to appreciate places and objects associated with holiness, ask for heavenly aid, and ultimately come to know God better. Invite extended family members or the families of your children's friends to join you in your pilgrimage to a religious site. During the journey to the destination, consider:

- Praying for the family to grow closer to God through the journey
- Discussing how the destination is important to the faith of each participant
- Exploring how any suffering experienced helps a pilgrim to know God

THANK GOD IT'S FIRST FRIDAY - WEST

Through the Gifts from God, we provide food for the body, food for the mind, and food for the soul.

An inter-parish men's group will meet on First Friday for socializing, luncheon, talk by a priest, and concluding with the Celebration of the Eucharist.

Upcoming luncheons:

DATE: March 4, 2016

SPEAKER: Rev. Fr. Justin Dyrwal, OSB

CURRENT LOCATION AND RESPONSIBILITY(IES): Pastor, Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Broadview Heights

TOPIC: "Indulgences in This Year of Mercy"

DATE: April 1, 2016

SPEAKER: Rev. Fr. Thomas Pajk

CURRENT LOCATION AND RESPONSIBILITY(IES): Associate Pastor, St. Joseph Church, Avon Lake

TOPIC: "Selections on the Gospel of John"

DATE: May 6, 2016

SPEAKER: Rev. Fr. Michael Stalla

CURRENT LOCATION AND RESPONSIBILITY(IES): Pastor

TOPIC: "tbd"

LOCATION: St. Clarence Church, 30106 Lorain Road, North Olmsted

COST: \$10.00

TIME: Registration/socializing begins at 11:15 AM; the Luncheon at 12:05 PM; talk at 12:35 PM; and will conclude with Mass.

TO MAKE RESERVATIONS: For the March luncheon, call me at (440) 937-6606 by Tuesday, March 1st, for the April 1st luncheon, by March 29th, and for the May 6th luncheon, by May 3rd.

REMINDER: PLEASE SAVE YOUR USED POSTAGE STAMPS FOR THE MISSIONS. YOU CAN DROP THEM OFF AT THE LUNCHEON OR AT THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL.

George W. Perz
Secretary-Treasurer, TGIFW-West

Foundation Meeting Schedule

Thur March 10 the Bingo meeting will start at 6:30 PM, Foundation meeting at 7:00 & then Resolution Committee meeting will commence at 7:45.



CALENDAR



Thur, Mar 3	Business Meeting (7:30PM, Knights Hall)
Wed, Mar 9	3rd Degree (7:00 Candidate, 7:30 Exemplification, Knights Hall)
Thur, Mar 17	Prayer Vigil (meet 5:30PM at Knights Hall to carpool)
Tue, Mar 22	Blood Drive (3:30-7:30PM, Knights Hall)
Mon, Mar 28	Mass for the Unborn Child (6:30PM, St. Joseph Church)
Thur, Apr 7	Business Meeting (7:30PM, Knights Hall)
Sat, Apr 16	Awards Ceremony (Knights Hall)



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